



1. Ramesh Budihal Wins India's First Medal at Asian Surfing Championships

- **Historic First:** Ramesh Budihal won bronze in the Open Men's category, becoming the first Indian surfer to win an individual medal at the Asian Surfing Championships.
- **Event Details:** The championships were held in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu, on August 10, 2025.
- **Final Scores:** Budihal scored 12.60 points, finishing behind South Korea's Kanoa Heejae (15.17, gold) and Indonesia's Pajar Ariyana (14.57, silver).
- **Resilient Journey:** After missing qualification in 2024 and facing personal challenges, Budihal bounced back strongly, leading his quarter-final with 14.84 points and advancing from the semi-final with 11.43 points.
- **Future Significance:** The event also served as a qualifier for the 2026 Asian Games in Japan, marking a big step for India's surfing ambitions.



2. Moldova became the 107th member of the International Solar Alliance

- **Official Membership Status:** Moldova became the 107th member of the ISA after submitting its Instrument of Ratification in New Delhi—handed over by Moldovan Ambassador to India Ana Taban to ISA's head—on August 4, 2025.
- **Significance of ISA:** Established in 2015 by India and France at COP21, the International Solar Alliance is a



global intergovernmental organization focused on promoting solar energy, increasing energy access, and mobilizing international investments for renewable development.

- **Expansion of ISA Membership:** Before Moldova's accession, the ISA had grown to 106 members, including recent additions like Armenia and Malta. Moldova's inclusion highlights the continuing global expansion and importance of the Alliance.
- **Ratification Timeline:** Moldova's entry follows its ratification of the ISA Framework Agreement earlier in 2025—the draft law was approved by its Cabinet of Ministers in June 2025, providing the legal basis for membership.

3. Punjab became the first state to empanel sign language experts under the Juvenile Justice Act

- **Empanelled Professionals:** The state will formally empanel sign language interpreters, translators, and special educators.
- **Role:** These professionals will assist children with communication disabilities during legal proceedings, court hearings, and other official matters to ensure fair and impartial outcomes.
- **Deployment:** The experts will be deployed district-wise throughout Punjab to ensure timely and continuous support is available wherever needed.
- **Compensation:** The professionals will be compensated according to the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act and the POCSO Act.



4. Canada's Victoria Mboko Wins Her First WTA 1000 Title

- **Opponent:** She defeated four-time Grand Slam champion and former World No. 1, Naomi Osaka, in the final with a score of 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.
- **A "Cinderella" Run:** Mboko, an 18-year-old wild card ranked 85th in the world, had a remarkable tournament. On her way to the title, she defeated four Grand Slam champions: Sofia Kenin, Coco Gauff, Elena Rybakina, and Naomi Osaka.
- **Historic Feat:** She is the second-youngest player ever to defeat four Grand Slam champions in one event, a feat previously accomplished only by Serena Williams in 1999.
- **Rankings Boost:** The win propels her from outside the top 80 to a new career-high ranking of World No. 25, making her the top-ranked Canadian player.



5. Nisha & Muskan Bag Gold Medal At U19 Asian Boxing Championships

- Indian boxers Nisha and Muskan have won gold medals at the U19 Asian Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Nisha, competing in the 54kg category, secured her victory with a decisive 4:1 win over Sirui Yang of China.
- Muskan, in the 57kg category, won her gold medal after a tough 3:2 split verdict against Kazakhstan's Ayazhan Ermek.
- Their achievements were part of a strong performance by the Indian team, which concluded the championships with a total of 14 medals.
- The Indian contingent's impressive medal haul included three golds, seven silvers, and four bronze medals.



6. Nitish Suri appointed as Director in the Department of Higher Education

- Nitish Suri, a 2011-batch Indian Trade Service (ITradeS) officer, has been appointed as Director in the Department of Higher Education.
- This appointment falls under the Central Staffing Scheme and is for a period of five years.
- Prior to this role, Suri was serving as the Joint Director General of Foreign Trade (Joint DGFT).
- He will be relieved from his current position to immediately take up this new role within the Ministry of Education.
- Suri's extensive background in international trade policy is expected to contribute to strategic initiatives like global collaboration and innovation in education policy.



7. Tanvi Sundriyal appointed as Director in Ministry of Civil Aviation

- Tanvi Sundriyal, an IAS officer of the 2010 batch from the Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- This appointment is under the Central Staffing Scheme and will be for a period of five years.
- She will assume charge of her new role from the date she takes over, or until further notice.



- Sundriyal holds degrees in Electrical and Electronics Engineering and a Bachelor of Laws, and has served in various administrative roles in Madhya Pradesh.
- Her appointment is expected to strengthen the ministry as it focuses on expanding airport infrastructure and implementing key policy reforms.

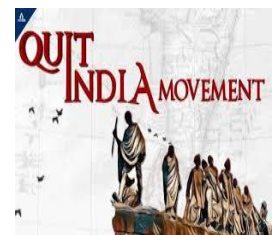
8. Guwahati Airport Wins International Architectural Award 2025

- Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport's new Terminal 2 in Guwahati has been honored with the International Architectural Award 2025 in the Transport category.
- The prestigious award was presented by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies.
- The airport's design is inspired by the resilience of bamboo and the elegance of the foxtail orchid, reflecting Assam's rich biodiversity and cultural heritage.
- Its architecture blends modern functionality with sustainability, incorporating features like open layouts to maximize natural light and indoor gardens.
- This recognition places the Guwahati Airport among a select group of seven airports worldwide that have been acknowledged for architectural excellence and visionary urban planning.



9. Quit India Movement Day observed on 08th August

- Quit India Movement Day, also known as August Kranti Diwas, is observed annually on August 8 in India.
- The day commemorates the launch of the Quit India Movement in 1942 by Mahatma Gandhi, which was a pivotal moment in India's struggle for independence.
- During the movement, Gandhi delivered his famous "Do or Die" speech at the Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai, urging Indians to fight for freedom.
- The movement called for the immediate withdrawal of British rule and led to mass protests, civil disobedience, and the arrest of major Congress leaders.
- This historic day serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices and collective resolve of countless freedom fighters who contributed to India's journey to independence.



10. Actor Kelley Mack passed away after Battle with Glioma

- Kelley Mack, an actress known for her roles in shows like The Walking Dead, has passed away at the age of 33.
- Mack had publicly shared her diagnosis of diffuse midline glioma (DMG) in January 2025 and had been documenting her health journey.
- She was known for her role as "Addy" in Season 9 of The Walking Dead and also had guest appearances in series like Chicago Med and 9-1-1.
- In addition to her acting work, Mack was also a voice-over artist and was featured posthumously in an upcoming film, reflecting her enduring passion for her craft.



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