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#### 1. India's Annu Rani Wins Gold In Women's Javelin Throw

- **Gold Medal Achievement:** Annu Rani won the gold medal with a best throw of 62.92 meters in the fourth attempt, becoming the first Indian woman to win a javelin gold in Asian Games history.
- **Competition Performance:** Rani's throws included 56.99m in the first attempt, 61.28m in the second, 59.24m in the third, and 62.92m in the fourth, securing India's 15th gold medal in the Asian Games.
- **Medalists:** Sri Lanka's Nadeesha Dilhan won silver with a 61.57m throw, and China's Huihui Lyu took bronze with 61.29m.
- **Background and Training:** Annu Rani, 31, from Meerut's Bahadurpur village, was encouraged by her brother Upendra, who noticed her throwing ability during a cricket match. She practiced with sugarcane sticks and bamboo javelins due to financial constraints.
- **Impact and Ambition:** Rani aims to compete in the 2024 Paris Olympics and hopes her achievement inspires girls in her village to pursue sports, promoting freedom and dignity.



#### 2. India, Russia Sign Protocol to Boost Industrial, Tech Cooperation

- **Deepening Strategic Partnership:** India and Russia have reaffirmed their strategic partnership by signing a protocol to deepen cooperation in key sectors, including aluminium, fertilizers, railways, and mining technology.
- **Key Focus Areas:** The partnership focuses on cooperation in aerospace science and technology, including establishing a modernized wind tunnel facility, producing small aircraft piston engines, and joint development in carbon fibre technology, additive manufacturing, and 3D printing.
- **Emerging Areas of Collaboration:** Both countries are exploring opportunities in rare earth and critical minerals extraction, underground coal gasification, and creating modern industrial infrastructure.
- **Capacity Building and Technology Transfer:** The partnership includes capacity building and technology transfer in mining sector equipment, exploration, and industrial and domestic waste management, promoting enhanced engagement in aluminium, fertilizers, and railway transport.



### 3. Karol Nawrocki sworn in as Poland's president

- **Conservative Background:** Karol Nawrocki, 42, is a historian and politician with a conservative outlook, backed by the nationalist-conservative Law and Justice party.
- **Election Victory:** Nawrocki won the presidential election with 50.89% of the vote, narrowly defeating liberal Warsaw Mayor Rafał Trzaskowski.
- **Domestic Policy:** He has positioned himself as a defender of traditional Polish values, opposing secular trends like LGBTQ+ visibility, and supports socially conservative policies.
- **Foreign Policy:** Nawrocki is skeptical of the European Union and opposes Ukraine joining NATO, while favoring stronger ties with the US, as evident from his meeting with Donald Trump.
- **Economic Stance:** He advocates for economic patriotism, reducing taxes, and increasing social investments, promising to eliminate overtime labor tax and focus on large economic investments.



#### Foot notes:

#### About Poland-

- **President:** Karol Nawrocki

- **Capital:** Warsaw

#### 4. Bengaluru Ranked 26th in Global AI City Index 2025

- **Ranking and Position:** Bengaluru secured the 26th rank globally, emerging as India's top AI Research & Development (R&D) and data center hub.
- **Indian Cities' Performance:** Bengaluru leads Indian cities in AI innovation and foreign investments, followed by Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, and Kolkata. Mumbai and Delhi are leveraging AI for traffic management and public security.
- **Global Leaders:** Singapore topped the index, driven by strong public-private partnerships in AI applications. Seoul and Beijing ranked second and third, respectively, with notable AI applications in healthcare, education, and transportation.
- **Growth and Development:** Bengaluru is among the fastest-growing AI cities globally, with a thriving startup ecosystem and expanding data center infrastructure attracting foreign investment.



#### Foot notes:

#### About Bengaluru-

- **Chief Minister:** Siddaramaiah

#### 5. Isha Khosla appointed as Director in the Department of Expenditure

- **Appointment Details:** Isha Khosla, a 2011-batch IAS officer of AGMUT cadre, has been appointed as Director in the Department of Expenditure for a tenure of five years from the date of assuming charge or until further orders.
- **Background:** Khosla hails from Delhi and holds a B.Com (Hons) degree from Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, Delhi University, and is also a qualified Company Secretary.
- **Administrative Experience:** She has held several key positions, including District Magistrate of South Delhi, Deputy Commissioner in Upper Siang and other districts, Resident Commissioner of Goa, and Special Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.



- **Financial Expertise:** With her diverse administrative background and financial expertise, Khosla brings significant experience to her new role in the Department of Expenditure, which is part of the Ministry of Finance.

## 6. S. Radha Chauhan Assumes Charge as Chairperson of Capacity Building Commission

- **Appointment Details:** S. Radha Chauhan, a 1988-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has been appointed to a significant role in the central government, although the specific position of Chairperson of Capacity Building Commission is not directly confirmed in available sources. However, she was appointed as Secretary in the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT).
- **Background:** Chauhan is a seasoned bureaucrat with extensive experience in various roles, including Additional Chief Secretary in the Finance and Tax Department of Uttar Pradesh.
- **Previous Roles:** She has held key positions such as District Magistrate of Bulandshahr and Pilibhit, Commissioner of Ghaziabad, and CEO of Noida Development Authority.
- **Central Government Experience:** Chauhan has previously worked with the central government as Joint Secretary in the School Education Department under the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Chairperson and CEO of National e-Governance Division (NeGD).



## 7. Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Receives Prestigious Military Award

- **Award Name:** The award is called the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) or Meritorious Service Medal (Military), which is Singapore's prestigious military honor.
- **Recognition:** The award recognizes the Royal Thai Navy's significant contributions to enhancing bilateral defense ties with the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).
- **Key Contributions:** The Commander-in-Chief's leadership has fostered frequent and meaningful interactions between the two navies, including Navy-to-Navy Staff Talks, professional exchanges, and mutual port calls.





- **Maritime Security:** The award also acknowledges the Royal Thai Navy's commitment to enhancing maritime security in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore through multilateral information-sharing and capacity-building initiatives.

## **8. Jupiter wins German Urban Development Award**

- **Award Details:** Jupiter, a project by Hamburg Kreativ Gesellschaft, won a special prize at the 2025 German Urban Development Award (GUDA) for its innovative approach to urban development and conversion culture in the circular city.
- **Project Overview:** Jupiter is a former department store transformed into a vibrant urban center, featuring a bar, exhibitions, pop-ups, concerts, shops, and educational courses, showcasing the impact of culture and creative industries on urban development.
- **Recognition:** The award recognizes Jupiter's contribution to sustainable and positive urban development, highlighting its role as a hub for culture, innovation, and community engagement in Hamburg's city center.
- **Previous Accolades:** Jupiter has received national recognition, including the Polis Award in 2024, demonstrating its significance in urban development and creative industries.
- **GUDA Significance:** The German Urban Development Award, presented by the German Academy for Urban and Regional Planning (DASL), honors outstanding projects that promote sustainable urban development.



## **9. National Handloom Day observed on 07th August**

- **Date and Significance:** National Handloom Day is observed annually on August 7 to honor the handloom weaving community and highlight the industry's contribution to India's socio-economic development. The date commemorates the launch of the Swadeshi Movement in 1905, which promoted domestic handloom products.
- **Theme:** The theme for National Handloom Day 2025 is "Weaving Innovation into Tradition".
- **Economic Impact:** The handloom sector is a significant contributor to India's economy, employing over 4.3 million people, predominantly in rural areas. It



generates substantial revenue through exports, with major markets including the USA, UK, Germany, France, and Japan.

- **Government Initiatives:** The government supports the handloom sector through initiatives like the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS).

## **10. Shibu Soren, Former Jharkhand Chief Minister, passed away**

- Soren was a seven-term MP from Dumka constituency and held various positions, including Minister for Coal in the Union Cabinet. He played a pivotal role in Jharkhand's statehood movement and was revered as "Dishom Guru" by tribal communities.
- Soren faced several controversies, including allegations of murder, bribery, and ties with militant organizations. He was acquitted in the 1994 murder case of his former personal secretary Shashinath Jha.
- Soren's son, Hemant Soren, is the current Chief Minister of Jharkhand. Shibu Soren passed away on August 4, 2025, after prolonged illness and kidney ailments at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi.



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