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1. Murali Sreeshankar wins gold at Qosanov Memorial 2025

- **Winning Jump:** Murali Sreeshankar secured the gold medal with a 7.94m jump on his first attempt, showcasing his impressive skill and technique.
- **Comeback Victory:** This win marks Sreeshankar's third victory since returning from a knee injury that sidelined him for 18 months, demonstrating his resilience and determination.
- **Competition Details:** The Qosanov Memorial is a World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze meet, which provides ranking points and qualification opportunities for major global events like the World Athletics Championships.
- **Consistent Performance:** Sreeshankar's series of jumps at the competition were consistently strong, with marks of 7.94m, 7.73m, 7.58m, 7.57m, 7.80m, and 7.79m, highlighting his ability to maintain performance under pressure.



2. India Ranks Second Globally in Fish Production

- **Global Ranking:** India is the second-largest fish-producing country, contributing around 8% to global fish production.
- **Fish Production Increase:** Fish production in India increased to 184.02 lakh tons in 2023-24 from 95.79 lakh tons in 2013-14.



- **Export Value:** In 2023-24, India exported 17,81,602 metric tons of seafood worth Rs 60,523.89 crore.
- **Government Initiatives:** The government has launched schemes like the Blue Revolution and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana to boost the fisheries sector.
- **Economic Contribution:** The fisheries sector contributes about 1.09% to India's Gross Value Added (GVA) and over 6.724% to the agricultural GVA.

3. Sohrai Art of Jharkhand Shines at Rashtrapati Bhavan

- **Sohrai Art Showcase:** The indigenous mural tradition of Sohrai Art from Jharkhand was featured at the second edition of Kala Utsav 2025 – Artists in Residence Programme, held at Rashtrapati Bhavan from July 14 to 24, 2025. This event celebrated India's rich folk and tribal art traditions.
- **Artist Participation:** Ten celebrated Sohrai artists from Hazaribagh district, including Ms. Rudan Devi, Ms. Anita Devi, and Ms. Malo Devi, showcased their traditional artistry to a national audience. They used natural earth pigments and bamboo sticks to create vibrant depictions of animals, plants, and geometric motifs.
- **President's Appreciation:** President Droupadi Murmu praised the artists' dedication, stating, "These artworks reflect the soul of India – our connection to nature, our mythology, and our community life." She emphasized the need for greater recognition and institutional support for folk artists.
- **Cultural Significance:** Sohrai Art is a sacred, seasonal tradition practiced primarily by tribal women in Jharkhand during harvest and festive periods.



Foot notes:

About Jharkhand-

- **Chief Minister:** Hemant Soren
- **Governor:** Santosh Gangwar
- **Capital:** Ranchi

4. Vice Admiral Manish Chadha Takes Command of Indian Naval Academy

- **New Role:** Vice Admiral Manish Chadha has taken command of the Indian Naval Academy (INA) in Ezhimala,



succeeding Vice Admiral CR Praveen Nair in a ceremony conducted with full military honors.

- **Extensive Experience:** Chadha brings 34 years of service to his new role, having been commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 1, 1991. He's a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare and has commanded key warships like INS Mysore, INS Veer, and INS Kirpan.
- **Leadership Background:** Before joining INA, Chadha served as the Assistant Chief of Personnel (Human Resource Development) at Naval Headquarters, giving him a strong background in training and personnel development.
- **Awards and Decorations:** Vice Admiral Manish Chadha was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal in 2017 for his exceptional service.

5. India's Manush-Diya shines at WTT Star Contender

- Top-seeded in the mixed doubles draw and ranked World No. 10, the Indian pair of Manush Shah and Diya Chitale reached their first ever WTT Star Contender final—becoming the first Indian mixed doubles team to achieve this feat
- In the semifinal, they produced a commanding 3–0 win over Chile's Nicolás Burgos and Paulina Vega with scores of 11–7, 11–2, 11–7, showcasing superb coordination, tactical control, and superior execution under pressure
- Simultaneously, Manush Shah teamed with Manav Thakkar in men's doubles—also as top seeds and World No. 10—to advance to the final. This marked the first time that two Indian doubles pairs reached finals in the same Star Contender event
- In a five-game thriller, the duo edged out Chinese Taipei's Huang Yan-Cheng and Kuo Guan-Hong in the semifinals (5–11, 11–9, 11–6, 8–11, 11–5)—a match that highlighted their grit and ability to bounce back under pressure



6. Lucky wins silver, Sitender reaches final at U17 Wrestling Worlds

- **Lucky's Silver Medal:** Lucky secured a silver medal in the 110 kg men's freestyle wrestling category at the U17 World Championships in Athens, Greece. He lost to Magomedrasul Omarov in the gold medal match with a score of 4-6.
- **Sitender's Final Spot:** Sitender booked his spot in the gold



medal bout in the men's 60kg freestyle category with a 5-1 win over Kazakhstan's Bekassyl Assambek in the semi-finals.

- **Previous Performance:** Lucky had previously won a gold medal in the 110 kg category at the U17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Vietnam, showcasing his skills and consistency.
- **Gaurav Punia's Loss:** Gaurav Punia, another Indian wrestler, lost in the men's 65kg freestyle bronze medal bout against Iran's Morteza Mollamohammadi.

7. Shashi Prakash Goyal Takes Charge as New Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh

- **New Appointment:** Shashi Prakash Goyal, a 1989-batch IAS officer, has taken charge as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh, succeeding Manoj Kumar Singh who retired on July 31, 2025.
- **Background and Experience:** Goyal has extensive experience in governance, having served as Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and handling key departments such as Civil Aviation, Estate, and Protocol. He's also worked closely with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath since 2017.
- **Developmental Goals:** Goyal aims to make Uttar Pradesh a one-trillion-dollar economy and focus on industrial growth, economic development, and ensuring timely completion of development projects. He emphasized zero tolerance for crime and corruption during his tenure.
- **Additional Responsibilities:** Apart from being the Chief Secretary, Goyal will hold key positions such as Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner, Chairman of the State Industrial Development Corporation, CEO of the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority, and Project Director of the state's Agricultural Diversification Project.



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About Uttar Pradesh-

- **Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor:** Anandiben Patel
- **Capital:** Lucknow

8. Manisha Sinha appointed as Member (Financial Services) Postal Services Board

- **Appointment:** Manisha Sinha, a 1992-batch Indian Postal Service (IPVOS), has been appointed as Member (Financial Services) of the Postal Services Board in the Ministry of Communications.
- **Background:** Sinha brings over three decades of experience in postal services, with deep expertise in managing and strengthening financial operations within India's vast postal network.
- **Responsibilities:** As Member (Financial Services), Sinha will oversee Post Office Savings Bank (POSB), Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) matters, financial inclusion, and other financial services.
- **Previous Role:** Before this appointment, Sinha served as Joint Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, showcasing her expertise in economic affairs and governance.
- **Impact:** This appointment is expected to leverage Sinha's experience to enhance financial operations and services within the postal department, contributing to its growth and efficiency.



9. BSNL and NRL Join Hands to Drive Industry 4.0 Adoption in India

- **Partnership Goal:** BSNL and Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to accelerate India's digital transformation and industrial modernization by advancing Industry 4.0 technologies.
- **5G Captive Non-Public Network:** The partnership aims to deploy India's first 5G Captive Non-Public Network (CNPN) in the refinery sector, enhancing operational efficiency, cybersecurity, and enabling technologies like AR/VR-based training and real-time IoT applications.
- **Industry 4.0 Technologies:** The collaboration will focus on implementing cutting-edge technologies such as Digital Twins, AI-powered 3D Printing, Virtual Formulation, AR/VR/MR applications, IoT, and Big Data Analytics to drive innovation and boost operational efficiency.
- **Strategic Significance:** This partnership is expected to serve as a replicable model for other industrial sectors, reinforcing the Government of India's vision of a digitally empowered and self-reliant nation.



Foot notes:
About BSNL-

- **Chairman & MD:** Shri A. Robert J. Ravi, ITS
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Founded:** 2000

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About NRL-

- **CEO:** Andrew Abdo
- **Headquarters:** Sydney, Australia
- **Founded:** 1998

10. Malayalam Actor and Mimicry Artiste Kalabhavan Navas passed away

- Kalabhavan Navas, a renowned Malayalam actor and mimicry artist, passed away on August 1, 2025, at the age of 51, due to a suspected cardiac arrest.
- Navas was known for his performances in hit films like "My Dear Karadi," "Vettam," and "One Man Show." He began his career as a mimicry artist with the Kalabhavan troupe and later transitioned to acting.
- The Kerala government and film industry paid their respects to Navas, with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan condoled his death. Hundreds gathered at Aluva Town Jama Masjid to pay their last tributes.



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