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### 1. Parneet & Kushal won 1st gold medal for India at FISU World University Games 2025

- **First Gold for India:** Parneet Kaur and Kushal Dalal secured India's first gold medal at the FISU World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany.
- **Event:** They achieved this feat in the compound mixed team archery event.
- **Defeated South Korea:** The Indian duo won against the Republic of Korea's Park Yerin and Seunghyun Park in a close final, with a score of 157 to 154.
- **Olympic Relevance:** This event, compound mixed team archery, is set to make its Olympic debut at the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Games, highlighting the significance of their win.
- **Overall Indian Performance:** This gold was a key part of India's overall medal tally of 12 medals (two gold, five silver, and five bronze) at the Games, where India finished 20th in the medal standings.



### 2. England Women Make History with Euro 2025 Victory

- **Current Status:** England is set to face Spain in the final of the UEFA Women's Euro 2025, scheduled for this Sunday. The Lionesses have had an impressive run, defeating Italy 2-1 in the semi-finals.



- **Historic Achievement:** If England wins the final, it would mark a significant milestone for the team, showcasing their growth and talent in women's football.
- **Competition Performance:** England's performance in the tournament has been notable, with the team generating significant interest and betting activity, according to Betfair.
- **Final Match Odds:** Spain is currently favored to win the final with odds of 4/9, while England is considered the underdog with odds of 9/4.

### 3. Tanvi & Vennala Smash Records in Badminton Asia Junior Championships

- **History-Making Medals:** Tanvi Sharma and Vennala Kalagotla became the first Indian women's singles duo to win medals at the same edition of the Badminton Asia Junior Championships.
- **Tanvi's Dominance:** Tanvi, ranked junior World No. 1, showcased her dominance with straight-game victories in the championships.
- **Vennala's Resilience:** Vennala, ranked World No. 103, demonstrated resilience in tight matches, contributing to India's best-ever finish in the championships.
- **India's Rising Stature:** This achievement highlights India's growing presence in junior women's badminton, marking a significant milestone in the nation's sporting accomplishments.
- **Medal Achievement:** Both Tanvi and Vennala secured bronze medals in the women's singles event, showcasing India's talent in badminton.



### 4. Utpal Kumar Singh Appointed as Sansad TV CEO

- **Appointment Details:** Utpal Kumar Singh, currently the Secretary General of Lok Sabha, has been appointed as the CEO of Sansad TV, in addition to his existing role.
- **Replacement:** He replaces Ravi Capoor, a retired IAS officer, who was relieved of his duties as CEO after his extended tenure ended on August 31.
- **Joint Decision:** The appointment was made jointly by the Rajya Sabha Chairman and the Lok Sabha Speaker.
- **Sansad TV Background:** Sansad TV was launched in September 2021, merging Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV channels, with the aim of showcasing India's democratic institutions and ethos to national and international audiences.



- **Role Significance:** As CEO, Utpal Kumar Singh will oversee the operations of Sansad TV, which airs live parliamentary proceedings and other content related to India's democratic processes.

## 5. IPS Amit Sinha appointed first VC of Uttarakhand Sports University

- **Appointment Details:** Senior IPS officer Amit Sinha, a 1997-batch officer associated with the Uttarakhand cadre, has been appointed as the first Vice Chancellor of Uttarakhand Sports University for a period of one year.
- **Tenure Extension:** The tenure of his appointment can be extended by three years, subject to the government's right to appoint the first Vice Chancellor of the University.
- **Full-time Post:** The Vice Chancellor post is considered a full-time position and can be held on a deputation basis, with Sinha likely to be relieved of his current responsibilities as ADG and Special Principal Secretary to the government.
- **Key Appointments:** Alongside Sinha's appointment, Sports Director Ashish Chauhan has assumed the role of Registrar, while VN Pandey, Finance Officer of the Sports Directorate, has been appointed as the Finance Controller.
- **University's Objective:** The establishment of Uttarakhand Sports University marks a significant step in institutionalizing sports education and nurturing athletic talent through structured academic channels in the state.



## 6. Anuradha Thakur Nominated as Director on RBI Central Board

- **Appointment Details:** Anuradha Thakur, Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, has been appointed as a Director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), effective from July 24, 2025.
- **Term Duration:** Thakur's nomination will be valid until further orders, replacing Ajay Seth, who has been appointed as Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for a three-year term.
- **Background:** Anuradha Thakur is a 1994-batch Indian Administrative Service officer from the Himachal Pradesh cadre, assuming charge as DEA Secretary on July 1, 2025.
- **Previous Roles:** Before becoming DEA Secretary, Thakur served as Director of the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) and held key responsibilities at





the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), contributing to asset monetization and strategic disinvestment of Air India.

- **Expected Outcome:** Thakur's nomination to the RBI Central Board is expected to reinforce strategic cooperation between India's fiscal and monetary authorities.

## 7. India-Maldives MoU on Fisheries and Aquaculture Cooperation 2025

- **MoU Signing:** India and Maldives signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost bilateral cooperation in fisheries and aquaculture on July 25, 2025, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the Maldives.
- **Key Areas of Collaboration:** The partnership focuses on promoting sustainable tuna and deep-sea fisheries, strengthening aquaculture and sustainable resource management, fostering fisheries-based eco-tourism, and supporting innovation and scientific research.
- **Capacity Building:** The MoU facilitates training and knowledge exchange programs, focusing on capacity building in aquatic animal health, biosecurity screening, aquaculture farm management, and specialized technical fields.
- **Infrastructure Development:** The Maldives will scale up its fish processing capabilities by investing in cold storage infrastructure and strengthening the aquaculture sector through hatchery development.



## 8. Geetanjali Shree Wins PEN Translates Award for 'Once Elephants Lived Here'

- **Award Details:** Geetanjali Shree's book "Once Elephants Lived Here" has won the PEN Translates Award 2025, recognized for its exceptional literary quality and contribution to UK bibliodiversity.
- **Book Significance:** The book is a collection of short stories that explores themes of memory, loss, displacement, and the impact of societal changes on individuals, showcasing Shree's signature style blending poetic narration with profound social commentary.
- **Translation:** The book was translated from Hindi to English by renowned translator Daisy Rockwell, who previously translated Shree's Booker International Prize-winning novel "Tomb of Sand".



- **Global Recognition:** This award marks a significant moment for Hindi literature, historically underrepresented in international literary forums, and reinforces the richness and complexity of India's literary heritage.

## 9. World Hepatitis Day observed on July 28th

- **Date and Theme:** World Hepatitis Day is observed annually on July 28, with the theme for 2025 being "Let's Break It Down", focusing on eliminating financial, social, and systemic barriers to hepatitis prevention and treatment.
- **Awareness Objective:** The day aims to raise global awareness about hepatitis, its impact on public health, and the importance of prevention, early detection, and effective treatment options.
- **Global Impact:** Hepatitis affects hundreds of millions worldwide, causing severe liver disease and liver cancer, with 1.3 million deaths annually, making it a significant global health challenge.
- **Types of Hepatitis:** There are five main strains of the hepatitis virus - A, B, C, D, and E, with hepatitis B and C being the most common and deadly forms, often leading to chronic disease and liver cancer.



## 10. Singer Cleo Laine, Britain's greatest jazz voice, passed away

- Cleo Laine, Britain's renowned jazz singer and theater actress, passed away on July 24, 2025, at the age of 97, as announced by The Stables, the arts center she founded with her late husband John Dankworth.
- Laine was known for her remarkable four-octave vocal range and versatility in jazz, classical, and theater, earning her widespread recognition and accolades, including a Grammy Award and a DBE.
- Laine's notable works include albums like "Shakespeare and All That Jazz" and "Cleo Laine Sings Word Songs", as well as her Tony-nominated role in "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" on Broadway.
- Laine won a Grammy Award for Best Jazz Vocal Performance in 1986 and was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1979, later becoming a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) in 1997.



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