



1. Abdulla Aboobacker wins men's triple jump title at Qosanov Memorial 2025

- **Event Details:** Abdulla Aboobacker won the gold medal in the men's triple jump event at the 2025 Qosanov Memorial in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- **Winning Jump:** Aboobacker recorded a best effort of 16.08m in his third attempt to secure the top spot on the podium.
- **Margin of Victory:** The win was narrow, with Aboobacker beating South Koreans Yu Gyumin and Kim Jangwoo by just 1cm, who both registered a best effort of 16.07m.
- **Competition Level:** The Qosanov Memorial is a World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze level event, and Aboobacker is vying for a direct qualification to the 2025 World Athletics Championships.
- **Recent Performance:** Aboobacker's gold win comes after Murali Sreeshankar's gold win in men's long jump at the same meet, showcasing a strong performance by Indian athletes in the competition.



2. India Emerges as World's 5th Biggest Aviation Market

- **Rankings:** India has become the world's 5th largest aviation market, handling 241 million passengers in 2024, behind the US, China, the UK, and Spain.



- **Growth Rate:** India's passenger numbers grew 11.1% over 2023, with 211 million air passengers reported last year, surpassing Japan's 205 million passengers despite Japan's higher growth rate of 18.6%.
- **Busiest Airport Pairs:** The Mumbai-Delhi route ranked 7th among the world's busiest airport pairs, carrying 5.9 million passengers in 2024, while Asia Pacific dominated the ranking with Jeju-Seoul being the most popular route globally.
- **Premium Travel:** International premium class travel grew 11.8%, outpacing global economy travel growth of 11.5%, with Asia Pacific leading in percentage growth with 22.8% more premium passengers year-on-year.
- **Aircraft Usage:** Narrow-body planes from Boeing and Airbus were among the most used aircraft in 2024, with Boeing's B737 leading with 10 million flights and 2.4 trillion Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs).

3. IAS Pratyay Amrit Becomes Bihar Chief Secretary

- **Appointment Details:** Pratyay Amrit, a 1991-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar, effective September 1, 2025, replacing outgoing Chief Secretary Amrit Lal Meena.
- **Early Transition:** In a historic move, Amrit will serve as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Chief Secretary's office from August 4, 2025, ensuring a smooth transition and continuity in governance.
- **Administrative Experience:** Pratyay Amrit has extensive experience in key departments, including Health, Disaster Management, and Development Commissioner, showcasing his transformative administrative skills.
- **Leadership Role:** Amrit's appointment is seen as a strategic move by the Nitish Kumar-led government to prioritize administrative stability and proactive governance, especially ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections.
- **Achievements:** Pratyay Amrit is known for his dynamic leadership and has received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration in 2011 for transforming the Bihar State Bridge Construction Corporation into a profit-making entity.



4. Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh Takes Charge as Vice Chief of Army Staff

- **Military Career:** Singh has had an illustrious career spanning 38 years, with experience in key military operations, including 'Operation Pawan', 'Operation



Meghdoot', 'Operation Orchid', and multiple tenures in 'Operation Rakshak'.

- **Command Experience:** He commanded a Special Forces Unit in the Kashmir Valley and along the Line of Control, and later commanded an infantry brigade and a mountain division in 'Operation Snow Leopard' along the Line of Actual Control.
- **Awards and Recognition:** Lt Gen Singh has been awarded the Ati Vishist Seva Medal and Bar to Sena Medal for his distinguished service to the nation.
- **Educational Background:** Singh is an alumnus of La Martiniere College, Lucknow University, and the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, holding master's degrees in management studies and philosophy from Osmania University and Panjab University, respectively.

5. Navies of India and Singapore Successfully Conclude SIMBEX 2025

- **Exercise Details:** The 32nd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) was held from July 28 to August 1, 2025, in the southern reaches of the South China Sea and at RSS Singapura-Changi Naval Base.
- **Participating Assets:** The Indian Navy deployed INS Satpura, a Shivalik-class frigate, while the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) deployed RSS Supreme, a Formidable-class frigate, and RSS Vigilance, a Victory-class missile corvette.
- **Exercise Objectives:** SIMBEX 2025 aimed to enhance mutual understanding, operational competencies, and trust between the Indian Navy and RSN. The exercise included complex warfare drills, gunnery firing, air-defense exercises, and maritime security scenarios.
- **Significance:** The exercise marked a significant milestone as both countries commemorated the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations.



6. Lando Norris won the Hungarian Grand Prix 2025

- **Winning Margin:** Lando Norris secured McLaren's 200th Grand Prix victory by beating teammate Oscar Piastri by 0.698 seconds, with Norris holding off Piastri's late charge.
- **Strategic Gamble:** Norris's win was largely due to a successful one-stop strategy, which allowed him to gain an advantage over Piastri and Charles Leclerc. He pitted on Lap 31, switching to hard tires, and managed to maintain his position.



- **Championship Standings:** Despite the loss, Oscar Piastri remains the leader in the drivers' championship, but Norris has narrowed the gap to just nine points.
- **Podium Finishers:** George Russell took third place for Mercedes, overtaking Leclerc late in the race. Leclerc finished fourth after struggling with an "undriveable" car and received a five-second penalty for erratic driving.

7. Vedika Bhansali wins US Kids World Championship golf

- **Championship Details:** Vedika Bhansali from Bengaluru won the US Kids World Championship golf title in the girls 9-year category at Pinehurst Village in the US.
- **Winning Score:** She achieved a total score of 10-under, shooting 33-33-32 in the nine-hole rounds, with only one bogey in the three rounds.
- **Margin of Victory:** Vedika beat Japan's Emi Minami by one shot and American Audrey Zhang by two shots.
- **Other Indian Performers:** Aida Thimmaiah from Bengaluru finished third in the girls 11 category, while Nihal Cheema from Chandigarh tied for fourth in the boys 8 category, and Kabir Goyal from Noida finished eighth in the boys 10 category.



8. Manoj Tiwari appointed for the post of Director, Dr Ambedkar Foundation

- **Appointment Details:** Manoj Tiwari, a 2003-batch IPS officer of the Sikkim cadre, has been appointed as Director of the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, New Delhi, on a deputation basis under the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- **Tenure:** Tiwari will serve in the role for a period of five years from the date of taking over charge or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- **Background:** The Dr. Ambedkar Foundation was established on March 24, 1992, as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, with the aim of promoting the ideals and legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, focusing on social justice, equality, and empowerment.
- **Leadership Role:** As Director, Tiwari is expected to provide strong leadership in advancing the Foundation's mission, bringing extensive experience from the Indian Police Service.



9. ICAI Signed a MoU with IAGES to Strengthen Accreditation in Gold Industry

- **Partnership Details:** The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Association of Gold Excellence and Standards (IAGES) to establish a robust accreditation framework for the gold industry.
- **Accreditation Framework:** The partnership aims to implement a standardized accreditation process for value chain partners in the gold industry, which comprises an estimated six lakh partners across India.
- **Standardization Goal:** The MoU seeks to standardize processes and create opportunities for Chartered Accountants (CAs) in the gold industry, promoting excellence and consistency.
- **Key Stakeholders:** The MoU was exchanged between Charanjot Singh Nanda, President of ICAI, and Kaushlendra Sinha, CEO of IAGES, in the presence of Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of Law.



10. IDBI Chairman & Satyam Reviver T N Manoharan passed away

- **Death Details:** T N Manoharan, former IDBI Chairman and Padma Shri awardee, passed away on July 30, 2025, in Mumbai due to a massive heart attack.
- **Career Highlights:** Manoharan was a renowned chartered accountant with over 30 years of experience. He served as the Non-Executive Chairman of Canara Bank from 2015 to 2020 and was a member of several regulatory bodies, including the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI).
- **Satyam Revival:** Manoharan played a crucial role in reviving Satyam Computer Services, leading the company's board to protect depositors' interests and wind up the business. His efforts earned him the "Indian of the Year" award in 2009.
- **Awards and Recognition:** Manoharan received the Padma Shri award for his contributions to the field of accountancy and business leadership. He was also awarded the Business Leadership Award.



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