



1. Zoravar Singh Sandhu Wins Historic Bronze at ISSF Shotgun Worlds 2025

- **Historic Achievement for India:** The bronze medal in the Men's Trap event is only the third individual medal for India in the men's trap discipline at the Shotgun World Championships. He joins the elite company of Karni Singh (silver, 1962) and Manavjit Singh Sandhu (gold, 2006).
- **Veteran's Poise:** At the age of 48, Zoravar Singh Sandhu's achievement is a testament to his longevity, experience, and mental resilience, competing against a field that included Olympic and World Champions.
- **Performance in Challenging Conditions:** He clinched the medal in the final held in Athens, Greece, despite tough weather and lighting conditions, demonstrating remarkable composure and a solid final score of 31 hits.
- **Qualification for World Cup Final:** By winning the bronze, Sandhu secured an automatic qualification spot for the prestigious ISSF World Cup Final 2025, scheduled to be held in Doha, Qatar, in December.
- **India's Only Medalist:** Sandhu was the only Indian athlete to qualify for a final and win a medal for the country at the ISSF Shotgun World Championship 2025, making his bronze the highlight of India's performance.



2. Rodrigo Paz Elected New President of Bolivia

- **Ends Nearly Two Decades of Leftist Rule:** Paz's victory in the presidential runoff marks a historic shift, bringing an end to the nearly 20 years of dominance by the leftist Movement



Towards Socialism (MAS) party, founded by former President Evo Morales. He is the first non-socialist leader to win the presidency in two decades.

- **Victory Amidst Economic Crisis:** His win was significantly fueled by voter disillusionment over Bolivia's worst economic crisis in a generation, characterized by a shortage of US dollars, high inflation (soaring to around 23%), and chronic fuel shortages.
- **Centrist/Center-Right Platform:** Paz, of the Christian Democratic Party (PDC), ran on a centrist to center-right platform, promising "capitalism for all." His plans include opening parts of the economy to private and foreign investment, promoting business-friendly reforms, and fiscal discipline, while also pledging to maintain some social programs to cushion the blow of economic reforms.
- **Promise to Rebuild International Ties:** Paz has signaled a major shift in foreign policy, vowing to improve relations with the United States and move away from the ideological alignments with countries like Venezuela and Russia that marked the previous MAS governments.

3. INS Sahyadri Joins Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX) 2025

- **Enhanced Interoperability Drills:** The sea phase of JAIMEX-25, conducted from October 16 to 18, 2025, involved high-end and complex maritime drills. Key exercises included Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), missile defence simulations, flying operations, and underway replenishment (refuelling and supply at sea), significantly enhancing the tactical coordination and interoperability between the Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).
- **Boosting the Special Strategic and Global Partnership:** The exercise reinforces the robust defense and maritime cooperation that forms a crucial pillar of the "Special Strategic and Global Partnership" established between India and Japan in 2014. It underscores the shared commitment to regional stability.
- **Support for a Free, Open, and Inclusive Indo-Pacific:** JAIMEX-25 is a key manifestation of the mutual vision shared by both democracies for a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. The joint exercise contributes to maintaining maritime order and security in this strategically important domain.
- **Demonstration of Indigenous Capability:** INS Sahyadri is an indigenously built Shivalik-class Guided Missile Stealth Frigate. Its participation showcases



India's growing pursuit of indigenous defense technology and reinforces the nation's "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India) vision on the global stage.

4. Vishvajit More Wins Bronze at U23 Wrestling World Championship

- **Event and Category:** Vishvajit More won the bronze medal in the Men's Greco-Roman 55kg category at the U23 Wrestling World Championship in Novi Sad, Serbia.
- **Bronze Medal Bout Victory:** He defeated Kazakhstan's Yerassyl Mamyrbekov with a tight score of 5-4 in the bronze medal match, demonstrating great grit and composure under pressure.
- **Back-to-Back Success:** This is his second consecutive bronze medal at the U23 World Championships (having also won one in the 2024 edition). This consistency showcases his steady rise and adaptability on the international stage.
- **Significance for India (Greco-Roman):** The medal is highly important as it was India's first and only medal in the Greco-Roman discipline at that year's championships, a style where Indian wrestlers have historically seen limited success.



5. Rohit Sharma become India's third-highest run-getter in ODIs

- **Surpassed Sourav Ganguly:** Rohit Sharma overtook former captain Sourav Ganguly's career aggregate of 11,221 runs to claim the third spot on the list of India's highest run-scorers in One Day Internationals.
- **Timing of the Milestone:** He achieved this record during the second ODI against Australia at the Adelaide Oval on October 23, 2025, where he scored a crucial 73 runs.
- **Efficiency:** Rohit reached this landmark in fewer innings than Ganguly. He surpassed the tally in his 267th ODI inning (275th match), whereas Ganguly took 297 innings (308 matches).
- **Batting Record Highlights:** As of this achievement, Rohit Sharma's ODI record includes over 11,249 runs at an impressive average (approx. 48.69), featuring 32 centuries and 59 fifties, and he holds the record for the highest individual score in ODIs (264).



6. Karthik Narain Joins Google Cloud as Chief Product Officer

- **New Role and Title:** Narain has been appointed as the Chief Product and Business Officer at Google Cloud, a designation that combines leadership over both product and commercial strategies.
- **Scope of Responsibilities:** He is tasked with leading the product and engineering teams across key areas including cloud services, developer tools, data, and Applied AI. He also oversees the go-to-market organization and will work closely with Google Public Sector.
- **Background and Expertise:** Narain is a veteran of the technology consulting industry, having previously served as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at Accenture. His background includes a proven track record of driving large-scale cloud and AI modernization for major enterprises.
- **Strategic Focus on AI:** His appointment is specifically aimed at accelerating customers' journey into the AI era. Google CEO Sundar Pichai highlighted that Narain will partner closely with customers as they transform their businesses with AI, building on the positive response to products like Gemini Enterprise.
- **Accelerating Growth:** The hire signals Google Cloud's strong commitment to accelerating its growth and strengthening its competitive position against rivals like AWS and Microsoft Azure.



7. Justice Prathiba Singh Named Chair of WIPO Advisory Board

- **Historic First for India:** Justice Singh is the first Indian, and one of the first Asians, to be appointed as the Chair of this prestigious global body, which is a significant recognition of India's growing expertise in Intellectual Property (IP) law.
- **Role and Tenure:** She will lead the WIPO Advisory Board of Judges for a two-year term (2025–2027). The Board is a high-level international group of judges that provides guidance and direction to WIPO's work with judiciaries in the field of IP.
- **Core Focus:** Her primary role as Chair will be to guide discussions and strategies on global judicial cooperation in IP, oversee judicial capacity-building programs, and address emerging IP challenges related to digital technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- **Prior IP Experience:** Before her appointment to the Delhi High Court in 2017, she was a leading IP lawyer and has had a distinguished judicial career, including serving as the Chairperson and Presiding Judge of the first IP Division of the Delhi High Court (2021–2022).



- **Multilateral Expertise:** Beyond IP, Justice Singh brings experience from another global body, as she currently serves as the Co-Chair of the World Health Organization (WHO) Working Group on Regulatory Considerations for AI in Health, showcasing her ability to navigate complex legal and technical issues internationally.

8. Apical awarded the Sustainable Supply Chain Partnership Award

- **The Award and Recipient:** Apical Group, a major vegetable oil processor, won the Sustainable Supply Chain Partnership Award (Singapore/Malaysia category) at the ESGBusiness Awards 2025. This marks a recognition of their leadership in fostering sustainable and responsible sourcing.
- **Focus of the Recognition:** The award specifically recognizes Apical's commitment to building a responsible, deforestation-free palm oil sourcing model that promotes inclusive growth across its entire value chain.
- **Guiding Strategy (Apical2030):** The company's efforts are guided by its long-term sustainability roadmap, Apical2030. This strategy is built on four pillars: Transformative Partnerships, Climate Action, Green Innovation, and Inclusive Progress, and aligns with their "5Cs" business philosophy (Community, Country, Climate, Customer, and Company).
- **Industry Collaboration:** The company was noted for co-developing the NDPE Implementation Reporting Framework (IRF) and actively engaging with major industry groups like the RSPO and POCG.



9. Colonel Koshank Lamba awarded Vir Chakra

- **Award and Precedence:** The Vir Chakra (VrC) is India's third-highest wartime gallantry award, conferred for acts of conspicuous bravery in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea, or in the air.
- **Operation and Context:** Colonel Lamba was awarded the Vir Chakra for his actions during Operation Sindoor (a direct military response to a terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir on April 22, 2025), which involved precision strikes against terrorist infrastructure across the border.
- **Specific Act of Gallantry:** His citation highlights his "flawless leadership" and "exceptional bravery" in executing India's first-ever rapid air mobilization of a



specialised equipment battery at short notice. This action ensured the timely and covert induction of critical assets.

- **Operational Achievement:** He leveraged his technical prowess and tactical knowledge to transform his subunit into a mission-capable force within five days, which was instrumental to the successful offensive of Operation Sindoor.
- **Regiment:** Colonel Koshank Lamba belongs to the 302 Medium Regiment of the Indian Army.

10. Legendary Comic Actor Govardhan Asrani passed away

- **Cause of Death:** He had been admitted to Arogya Nidhi Hospital for a few days due to breathing issues, and the cause of death was reported as complications from a prolonged illness, specifically fluid accumulation in his lungs.
- **Iconic Role:** His most famous and beloved role remains that of the eccentric, Hitler-caricaturing Jailer in the cult classic film Sholay (1975), with his iconic line, "Angrezon ke zamane ke jailer..."
- **Prolific Career:** Asrani had a career spanning over five decades, appearing in over 350 films in Hindi and Gujarati, making him one of Bollywood's most consistent and loved character and comic actors.
- **Family and Last Wishes:** He is survived by his wife, actress Manju Asrani. Respecting his wish for a quiet farewell, his last rites were performed in a private ceremony at the Santacruz Crematorium shortly after his passing on the same day.



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