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MURALI SREESHANKAR WINS MEN'S LONG JUMP AT INDIAN ATHLETICS SERIES 2026

- **Dominant Season Opener:** Sreeshankar clinched the gold medal with a best jump of 8.15m, achieved on his fourth attempt. He showed remarkable consistency throughout the series, clearing the 8-meter mark in five out of his six attempts (8.03m, 7.99m, 8.13m, 8.15m, 8.12m, and 8.10m).
- **Asian Games Qualification:** With this performance, he became the first Indian athlete to breach the Asian Games qualifying standard of 7.91m in this competition. His winning mark also improved upon his 2025 season-best of 8.13m, signaling a strong return to peak form following previous injury concerns.
- **Elite Continental Standing:** Sreeshankar is now only the third Asian long jumper to breach the 8m mark in the ongoing 2026 season. He joins fellow Indian Lokesh Sathyanathan (8.21m) and Japan's Yuki Hashioka as the early leaders in the continental rankings for the year.

INDIA, SOUTH KOREA SIGN PACT TO BOOST SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN SHIPBUILDING SECTOR

- **Project Objective:** Titled "Support the Establishment of Development Strategies and to Build a Foundation for Skilled and Professional Talents," the pact aims to bridge the skill gap in India's marine engineering sector using South Korea's global expertise.
- **Strategic Vision:** The initiative is a core part of the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, which seeks to position India as a top global

shipbuilding hub and drive "Atmanirbhar" (self-reliant) maritime growth.

- **Proposed Infrastructure:** Both nations are in final discussions to establish a 'Shipbuilding Workforce Development and Technology Cooperation Center' in India to provide industry-specific vocational training and boost technical productivity.

DR. JITENDRA SINGH INAUGURATES BIONEST AT CFTRI



- **Bridging Lab-to-Market Gap:** The BioNEST facility is a state-of-the-art incubation hub designed to convert scientific research into market-ready products. It specifically supports food and biotechnology startups with dedicated incubation suites, shared infrastructure, and regulatory facilitation to help them scale and commercialize their innovations.
- **Focus on High-Value Emerging Technologies:** The center currently supports 26 startups (as of March 2026) focusing on cutting-edge sectors such as nutraceuticals, precision fermentation, CRISPR-based technologies, and probiotics. These ventures have already filed 12 patents and contributed to significant research publications, shifting the industry toward science-driven, high-value segments.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- **Constitution Assembly formation:** July, 1946
- **Finance Minister in 1946 Interim Govt:** Liaquat Ali Khan
- **Law Minister in 1946 Interim Govt:** Jogendra Nath Mandal
- **Home Minister in 1946 Interim Govt:** Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- **Defence Minister in 1946 Interim Govt:** Baldev Singh
- **First meeting of the Constitution Assembly:** 9 Dec, 1946

UNION MINISTER COMMISSIONED ADVANCED STEALTH FRIGATE 'INS TARAGIRI'

- **Pinnacle of Project 17A:** INS Taragiri is the fourth stealth frigate delivered under Project 17A. Designed by the Warship Design Bureau and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), this 6,670-tonne vessel features advanced stealth architecture, including a reduced radar cross-section and radar-absorbent materials, making it a "lethal ghost" in contested maritime environments.
- **High Indigenous Content & Economic Impact:** The warship boasts over 75% indigenous content, utilizing Indian-made DMR 249A steel from SAIL. Its construction integrated a network of over 200 Indian MSMEs, directly supporting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

A SMARTER TAX SYSTEM: AI-POWERED 'KAR SAATHI' LAUNCHED IN INDIA

- **24/7 AI-Powered Virtual Assistant:** At the heart of the website is 'Kar Saathi', an intelligent chatbot that provides round-the-clock guidance. It helps taxpayers navigate the new law, select the correct forms, track refunds, and resolve complex queries in real-time.
- **Drastic Reduction in Complexity:** The platform supports a massive structural overhaul where the number of tax rules has been cut from 510 to 333, and forms have been slashed from 399 to 190.
- **The 'PRARAMBH' Outreach Initiative:** Launched under the PRARAMBH (Policy Reform and Responsible Action for Mission Viksit Bharat) program, the website is part of a nationwide campaign to ensure a seamless transition to the new tax regime.

BHUVNESHWAR KUMAR BECOMES FIRST FAST BOWLER TO 200 IPL WICKETS

- **The Milestone Match:** He reached the 200-wicket mark playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. His 200th victim was young CSK opener Ayush Mhatre.
- **Elite Company:** He is only the second bowler overall in IPL history to reach this landmark,

following leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal (who currently leads with 224 wickets).

- **Unrivaled Consistency:** Known as the "Swing King," Bhuvneshwar remains the only bowler in the league's history to win back-to-back Purple Caps (2016 and 2017) and played a pivotal role in RCB's maiden title win in 2025.

KRISHNA KUMAR SINGH TAKES ADDITIONAL CHARGE AS SAIL CMD



- **Interim Leadership:** Singh was appointed to the role following the completion of Amarendu Prakash's tenure as CMD on March 31, 2026. He will hold the additional charge for a period of three months (until July 1, 2026) or until a full-time regular incumbent is appointed, whichever is earlier.
- **Decades of Domain Expertise:** A veteran of the steel industry, Singh joined SAIL in 1987 as a Management Trainee. He has nearly four decades of experience across diverse functions, including ten years in technical operations at the Bhilai Steel Plant before transitioning into Human Resource Development and Personnel.
- **Strategic Continuity:** As Director (Personnel) since 2022, Singh has been a key architect of

SAIL's "people-centric" growth. His appointment is intended to ensure operational stability and the continued implementation of progressive welfare schemes as the company navigates its next phase of expansion under the new fiscal year.

RANVEER SINGH WON BEST ACTOR AT THE SCREEN AWARDS 2026 IN DHURANDHAR

- **Dominance at the Awards: Dhurandhar:** The Revenge emerged as the biggest winner of the night, bagging a total of 14 awards. While the film won for Best Actor (Ranveer Singh) and Best Director (Aditya Dhar), the title of Best Film went to the Oscar-nominated gritty drama, Homebound.
- **A Box Office Juggernaut:** Released on March 19, 2026, the film has become a historic success, surpassing the ₹1,000 crore mark in net collections in India. It is currently the highest-grossing Indian film of 2026 and the fourth-highest-grossing Indian film of all time globally, with earnings exceeding ₹1,600 crore.
- **Complex Character Portrayal:** In this sequel to the 2025 hit Dhurandhar, Ranveer Singh plays a dual-identity role as Hamza Ali Mazari / Jaskirat Singh Rangi. His portrayal of an undercover Indian intelligence agent infiltrating criminal syndicates in Pakistan was widely praised by the jury for its intensity and physical transformation.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

06.04.2026 / MONDAY

- **April 06th:** International Day of Sport for Development and Peace Observed
- **Theme 2026:** "Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers"
- **To recognize the power of sport in promoting peace, inclusion, and social development worldwide.**