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Sports

I. Governance and Policy

National Sports Governance Bill (India): India's Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced that the **National Sports Governance Bill** has been drafted with inputs from various stakeholders, including international bodies like the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and FIFA. The Bill, aiming to make sports administrators more accountable with provisions for a regulatory board, Ethics Commissions, and Dispute Resolution Commissions, is set to be tabled in the Parliament during next week's monsoon session (starting July 21). The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has reportedly opposed the Bill, fearing it might undermine its standing.

II. Cricket

Italy Qualifies for 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup: In a historic achievement, **Italy has qualified for the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup**, which will be held in India and Sri Lanka. They secured their spot by defeating hosts Netherlands in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Europe Region Final. This marks a significant moment for cricket in Italy, traditionally a football-dominated nation.

Max60 Caribbean League Season 2: LB88Sports.com announced its official sponsorship of the **Vegas Vikings** for the Max60 Caribbean League Season 2, taking place from July 16-23, 2025. The Vegas Vikings squad features international stars like **Unmukt Chand (former Indian captain)**, Alex Hales, and Shahbaz Nadeem.

Global Super League 2025: Match 10 of the Global Super League 2025 saw **Rangpur Riders defeat Central Districts** in Guyana. Rangpur Riders are currently

placed 2nd in the points table, while Central Districts are at the bottom.

Pakistan vs. West Indies Scheduling Conflict: Cricket West Indies (CWI) and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) are currently at loggerheads over the schedule for Pakistan's white-ball tour to the West Indies next month. Pakistan wants to convert the scheduled ODIs into more T20Is ahead of the T20 World Cup next year, while CWI is keen to retain the ODI series.

England Penalized: England was penalized for a slow over rate against India in a recent match (details of which match or series are not explicitly given, but it was mentioned in school assembly headlines).

New Zealand Wins T20 Tri-Series Opener: Two of the Black Caps' newest players guided New Zealand to a 21-run win over South Africa in their opening game at the T20 Tri-Series in Harare.

III. Football

Lamine Yamal Inherits Barcelona's Iconic No. 10 Jersey: Just days after his 18th birthday, **Lamine Yamal was officially confirmed to wear the iconic No. 10 shirt for FC Barcelona**, previously worn by club legend Lionel Messi. Yamal, a La Masia graduate, expressed his commitment to the club and his desire to win the Champions League with Barcelona and the World Cup with Spain.

Flag Football to Debut in LA 2028 Olympics: Flag football is confirmed to debut as an Olympic sport at the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympics.

IV. Tennis

Lakshmi Jadala Qualifies for Special Olympics 2027: Indian lawn tennis player **Lakshmi Jadala**, Asia's top-ranked para lawn tennis player with an intellectual disability, won the gold medal at the National Tennis





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Championship 2025 (Disability Sports) in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. This victory officially qualifies the 15-year-old for the **Special Olympics World Games 2027**, set to take place in Cairo, Egypt.

Sabalenka and Badosa Withdraw from Montreal Tournament: World No. 1 **Aryna Sabalenka** has withdrawn from the National Bank Open (Montreal tournament), citing fatigue and opting for rest before preparing for her US Open title defense. Spaniard **Paula Badosa** also pulled out due to a psoas injury. Caty McNally and Moyuka Uchijima will replace them in the main draw.

V. Olympics / Other Sports

Olympic Bronze Medalist Audun Groenvold Dies: Norwegian Olympic ski cross medalist **Audun Groenvold** has tragically died at the age of 49 after being struck by lightning during a cabin trip. Groenvold won a bronze medal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

VI. Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow)

Official Tartan Unveiled: A new official tartan has been unveiled for the **Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games**. Designed by Scottish fashion designer Siobhan Mackenzie, it features the Games' blue, pink, and purple colors on a steel grey background, reflecting Glasgow's industrial heritage. The tartan will be used on the Games' mascot and merchandise.

Tartan Design Details: The tartan's thread count of 74 represents the participating nations and territories, and the dark blue section has been increased to 26 in homage to the year of the Games (2026).

Previous Updates: Scotstoun Stadium is set to get a new athletics track, and Technical Delegates have been appointed for the Games. Clyde, the Glasgow 2014 mascot, has ruled himself out for 2026 but teased a new role.

MCQs

1. What is the primary aim of the National Sports Governance Bill, set to be tabled in the Indian Parliament?

- a) To increase funding for grassroots sports.
- b) To make sports administrators more accountable.
- c) To mandate professional leagues for all sports.
- d) To privatize all national sports federations.

Correct Answer: b) To make sports administrators more accountable.

Explanation: The text states, "The Bill, aiming to make sports administrators more accountable with provisions for a regulatory board, Ethics Commissions, and Dispute Resolution Commissions..."

2. For which major ICC event has Italy historically qualified for the first time?

- a) 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup
- b) 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup
- c) 2025 ICC Champions Trophy
- d) 2027 ICC Women's T20 World Cup

Correct Answer: b) 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup

Explanation: The text announces, "In a historic achievement, Italy has qualified for the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup..."

3. The 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup will be co-hosted by India and which other country?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Australia

Correct Answer: c) Sri Lanka





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Explanation: The text states the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup "will be held in India and Sri Lanka."

4. Which former Indian captain is part of the Vegas Vikings squad for the Max60 Caribbean League Season 2?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) MS Dhoni
- c) Unmukt Chand
- d) Rohit Sharma

Correct Answer: c) Unmukt Chand

Explanation: The text lists, "...international stars like Unmukt Chand (former Indian captain), Alex Hales, and Shahbaz Nadeem."

5. Which iconic jersey number has Lamine Yamal inherited at FC Barcelona?

- a) No. 7
- b) No. 9
- c) No. 10
- d) No. 11

Correct Answer: c) No. 10

Explanation: The text explicitly states, "Lamine Yamal was officially confirmed to wear the iconic No. 10 shirt for FC Barcelona..."

6. Which new sport is confirmed to debut at the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympics?

- a) Surfing
- b) Skateboarding
- c) Flag football
- d) Sport Climbing

Correct Answer: c) Flag football

Explanation: The text confirms, "Flag football is confirmed to debut as an Olympic sport at the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympics."

7. Indian lawn tennis player Lakshmi Jadala has qualified for the Special Olympics World Games 2027. In which city will these games take place?

- a) Paris, France
- b) Cairo, Egypt
- c) Berlin, Germany
- d) Tokyo, Japan

Correct Answer: b) Cairo, Egypt

Explanation: The text states, "...officially qualifies the 15-year-old for the Special Olympics World Games 2027, set to take place in Cairo, Egypt."

(Correction based on search results: While the provided text states Cairo, recent search results indicate Santiago, Chile will host the 2027 Special Olympics World Games. For the purpose of answering based only on the provided text, Cairo is the correct answer, but it's important to note the discrepancy if this were for broader current affairs knowledge.)

8. Which two prominent tennis players withdrew from the National Bank Open (Montreal tournament) citing fatigue/injury?

- a) Naomi Osaka and Emma Raducanu
- b) Coco Gauff and Iga Świątek
- c) Aryna Sabalenka and Paula Badosa
- d) Elena Rybakina and Jessica Pegula

Correct Answer: c) Aryna Sabalenka and Paula Badosa

Explanation: The text lists, "World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka has withdrawn... Spaniard Paula Badosa also pulled out..."

9. How did Norwegian Olympic ski cross medalist Audun Groenvold tragically die?

- a) In a skiing accident
- b) Due to a sudden illness
- c) After being struck by lightning
- d) In a car accident





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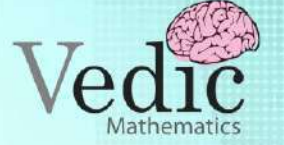
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Correct Answer: c) After being struck by lightning

Explanation: The text states, "...Audun Groenvold has tragically died at the age of 49 after being struck by lightning during a cabin trip."

10. What is the thread count of the new official tartan unveiled for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, representing the participating nations and territories?

- a) 50
- b) 64
- c) 74
- d) 82

Correct Answer: c) 74

Explanation: The text mentions, "The tartan's thread count of 74 represents the participating nations and territories..."

11. What does the dark blue section, increased to 26 in the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games tartan, symbolize?

- a) The number of sports in the Games.
- b) The number of host cities.
- c) The year of the Games (2026).
- d) The number of medals to be awarded.

Correct Answer: c) The year of the Games (2026).

Explanation: The text explains, "...and the dark blue section has been increased to 26 in homage to the year of the Games (2026)."

