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Sports

I. Major International Events & Indian Participation:

Wimbledon 2025: The Men's Singles title at Wimbledon 2025 was won by Jannik Sinner, who defeated Carlos Alcaraz in the final on Sunday, July 13, 2025.

FIDE Women's World Cup Final: Indian chess enthusiasts are keenly following the FIDE Women's World Cup in Batumi, Georgia, which is currently seeing an all-Indian final. Koneru Humpy (38) is battling against the younger Divya Deshmukh (19) in a two-game final that started today, July 26, 2025. This is being described as a "battle of contrasting styles," with Humpy known for her solid approach and Deshmukh for her aggressive play.

World Athletics Championships 2025 (Tokyo, September 2025):

Indian Relay Teams Miss Direct Qualification: India's men's and mixed 4x400m relay teams failed to secure direct qualification for the World Athletics Championships from the World Athletics Relays 2025 in Guangzhou in May. They will now rely on top performance lists during the qualification window which closes on August 24, 2025.

Continental Tour Bronze Event: The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has released a list of eligible Indian athletes for the World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze event in Bhubaneswar, which serves as a qualification pathway. Top Indian athletes, though not Neeraj Chopra, are expected to participate.

Asian Athletics Championships 2025 (Gumi, South Korea - May 2025): India finished second in the medal tally with 24 medals (8 gold, 10 silver, 6 bronze). Animesh Kujur and Parul Chaudhary set new National Records.

FIH Hockey World Cup 2026: Both the Men's and Women's FIH Hockey World Cups in 2026 will be jointly hosted by Belgium (Wavre) and Netherlands (Amstelveen) from August 14 to 30, 2026. India is expected to compete, with the Men's Asia Cup 2025 (a qualifier for the World Cup) scheduled to be hosted in Rajgir, India, from August 29 to September 7, 2025.

II. Cricket Updates:

India vs England Test Series: Indian fast bowlers, according to bowling coach Morne Morkel, lacked "energy behind the ball" in the Manchester Test. There's also discussion around captain Shubman Gill's bowling decisions and the potential inclusion of Kuldeep Yadav. Washington Sundar's bowling craft has been praised.

World Championship of Legends 2025: A match between India Champions and Australia Champions is scheduled for July 26, 2025.

Asia Cup 2025 (T20 format):

Likely in September in UAE: The Asia Cup 2025 is now highly likely to be held in the UAE in September.

India vs Pakistan Clash: India and Pakistan are expected to be drawn into the same group, raising the possibility of multiple high-voltage clashes. The BCCI has agreed to virtually attend the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) meeting, clearing hurdles for the tournament, despite earlier tensions.





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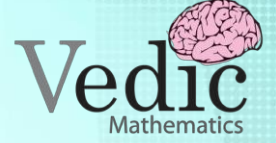
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Preparatory Event: This T20 format edition will serve as a crucial preparatory event for the T20 World Cup 2026.

III. Indian Sports Development & Infrastructure:

National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025: Approved by the Union Cabinet on July 1, 2025, this landmark policy aims to transform India into a global sporting powerhouse and a strong contender for excellence at international events, including the 2036 Olympic Games. It supersedes the 2001 policy and is anchored on five key pillars: Excellence on the Global Stage, Sports for Economic Development, Sports for Social Development, Sports as a People's Movement, and Integration with Education (NEP 2020).

It emphasizes strengthening grassroots programs, developing sports infrastructure (both rural and urban), building world-class training systems, encouraging private sector participation (PPP, CSR), promoting sports tourism, and leveraging technology like AI for performance tracking.

The policy also reconsiders the ban on Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) representing India.

Revolutionizing Indian Sports Infrastructure (2025 Trends):

Sustainability: Increased demand for eco-friendly facilities using green building materials, solar power, and rainwater harvesting (e.g., National Games Village in Gujarat).

Multi-Purpose & Modular Stadiums: Trend towards flexible venues, especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, for greater resource utilization.

Synthetic & Hybrid Turfs: Shift from traditional grass fields to synthetic and hybrid turfs for durability, consistent performance, and minimal maintenance (FIFA and FIH-approved).

Smart Technologies: Integration of AI and data analytics for performance tracking, stadium management, and automated ticketing.

Private Sector & Government Collaborations: Public-private partnerships (PPPs) are leading infrastructure development, with government funding from schemes like Khelo India and Fit India Movement.

Grassroots Focus: Emphasis on establishing small local sports complexes and training academies in smaller towns and rural areas, evidenced by the launch of mini-stadiums.

High-Performance Training Centers (HPCs): Establishment of advanced HPCs with fitness labs and sports science units to equip athletes for top-level competition.

IV. Other Notable Sports News:

Badminton: The pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty continues to perform strongly, reaching the China Open semi-finals, helping to carry Indian badminton amidst a challenging period.

Lionel Messi Controversy: Controversy has erupted in the USA as Inter Miami's owner criticized MLS for suspending Lionel Messi, citing a long-standing policy enforcement.





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Tim David's Record: Tim David smashed the fastest T20I hundred for Australia (37 balls) against West Indies, using Andre Russell's bat

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1. Who won the Men's Singles title at Wimbledon 2025?

- a) Carlos Alcaraz
- b) Novak Djokovic
- c) Jannik Sinner
- d) Daniil Medvedev

Answer: c) Jannik Sinner

The news states, "The Men's Singles title at Wimbledon 2025 was won by Jannik Sinner, who defeated Carlos Alcaraz in the final."

2. The FIDE Women's World Cup Final, which started on July 26, 2025, features an all-Indian final between Koneru Humpy and whom?

- a) R. Vaishali
- b) Harika Dronavalli
- c) Divya Deshmukh
- d) Tania Sachdev

Answer: c) Divya Deshmukh

The news states, "Koneru Humpy (38) is battling against the younger **Divya Deshmukh (19)** in a two-game final that started today, July 26, 2025."

3. When is the qualification window for the World Athletics Championships 2025 (Tokyo) expected to close for teams relying on top performance lists?

- a) May 2025
- b) July 2025
- c) August 24, 2025
- d) September 2025

Answer: c) August 24, 2025

The news mentions that teams "will now rely on top performance lists during the qualification window which closes on August 24, 2025."





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4. Where did India finish in the medal tally at the Asian Athletics Championships 2025, held in Gumi, South Korea?

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) Fourth

Answer: b) Second

The text states, "India finished second in the medal tally with 24 medals (8 gold, 10 silver, 6 bronze)."

5. Which two countries will jointly host both the Men's and Women's FIH Hockey World Cups in 2026?

- a) India and Australia
- b) Germany and France
- c) Belgium and Netherlands
- d) England and Spain

Answer: c) Belgium and Netherlands

The news states, "Both the Men's and Women's FIH Hockey World Cups in 2026 will be jointly hosted by Belgium (Wavre) and Netherlands (Amstelveen)."

6. Where is the Men's Asia Cup 2025 (a qualifier for the FIH Hockey World Cup) scheduled to be hosted?

- a) New Delhi, India
- b) Lahore, Pakistan
- c) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- d) Rajgir, India

Answer: d) Rajgir, India

The text indicates, "the Men's Asia Cup 2025 (a qualifier for the World Cup) scheduled to be hosted in Rajgir, India, from August 29 to September 7, 2025."

II. Cricket Updates

7. According to bowling coach Morne Morkel, what did Indian fast bowlers lack in the Manchester Test against England?

- a) Control
- b) Energy behind the ball
- c) Variation
- d) Swing

Answer: b) Energy behind the ball

The news states, "Indian fast bowlers, according to bowling coach Morne Morkel, lacked "energy behind the ball" in the Manchester Test."

8. In what format is the Asia Cup 2025 expected to be played, and what is its likely venue?

- a) ODI format, India
- b) T20 format, UAE
- c) ODI format, Sri Lanka
- d) T20 format, Pakistan

Answer: b) T20 format, UAE

The news states, "This **T20 format edition will serve as a crucial preparatory event... The Asia Cup 2025 is now highly likely to be held in the UAE in September."

III. Indian Sports Development & Infrastructure

9. When was the National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025 approved by the Union Cabinet?

- a) January 1, 2025
- b) March 15, 2025
- c) July 1, 2025
- d) December 31, 2025

Answer: c) July 1, 2025

The policy was "Approved by the Union Cabinet on July 1, 2025."

10. Which of the following is NOT one of the five key pillars on which the National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025 is anchored?

- a) Excellence on the Global Stage
- b) Sports for Economic Development





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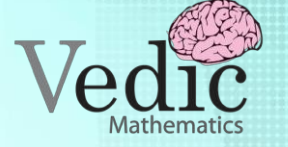
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- c) Sports for International Diplomacy
d) Sports as a People's Movement

Answer: c) Sports for International Diplomacy
The five pillars listed are: "Excellence on the Global Stage, Sports for Economic Development, Sports for Social Development, Sports as a People's Movement, and Integration with Education (NEP 2020)."

11. Which of the following is a key trend in revolutionizing Indian sports infrastructure in 2025?

- a) Exclusive use of natural grass fields
b) Decreased focus on grassroots programs
c) Integration of AI and data analytics
d) Reduction in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

Answer: c) Integration of AI and data analytics
The trends include "Smart Technologies: Integration of AI and data analytics for performance tracking, stadium management, and automated ticketing."

IV. Other Notable Sports News

12. Which Indian badminton men's doubles pair reached the China Open semi-finals, as mentioned in the news?

- a) P.V. Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth
b) Lakshya Sen and H.S. Prannoy
c) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
d) Saina Nehwal and Ashwini Ponnappa

Answer: c) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
The news mentions, "The pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty... reaching the China Open semi-finals."

13. Why was Lionel Messi suspended by Major League Soccer (MLS), according to the news?

- a) For a red card offense

- b) For missing the MLS All-Star Game
c) For violating a doping policy
d) For criticizing the league's management

Answer: b) For missing the MLS All-Star Game
The news states that Inter Miami's owner criticized MLS for suspending Lionel Messi, "citing a long-standing policy enforcement" related to his absence from the MLS All-Star Game 2025.

14. Who smashed the fastest T20I hundred for Australia (37 balls) against West Indies?

- a) Glenn Maxwell
b) Aaron Finch
c) Tim David
d) Marcus Stoinis

Answer: c) Tim David
The news states, "Tim David smashed the fastest T20I hundred for Australia (37 balls) against West Indies."

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