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Sports

I. Cricket - India vs England Test Series:

4th Test Draw at Old Trafford: The 4th Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy between India and England at Old Trafford concluded in a dramatic draw on July 28, 2025.

Heroic Indian Batting: Ravindra Jadeja (107 not out) and Washington Sundar (101 not out) played exceptional, unbeaten centuries on the final day, salvaging a draw for India. Their 203-run fifth-wicket partnership was crucial.

Controversy: There was a notable moment where England captain Ben Stokes offered an early draw to Jadeja and Sundar before they reached their centuries, which was refused by the Indian batters, leading to some post-match discussion.

Records Broken:

Shubman Gill became the first batter ever to hit four centuries in his debut Test series as captain.

India equaled their record of 11 centuries in a series (matching 1978-79 against West Indies).

India set a new record with seven 350-plus totals in the series.

Ravindra Jadeja joined Garry Sobers and Wilfred Rhodes as only the third player to score 1,000 Test runs and take 30 wickets in a country other than their own (England).

Series Status: The series now stands at 2-1 in favor of England, setting up a thrilling decider at The Oval.

Rishabh Pant Ruled Out: India's wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant has been ruled out of the 5th and final Test at The Oval due to a fractured foot, sustained while attempting a reverse sweep on Day 1 of the 4th Test. Jagadeesan has been named as his replacement.

Sourav Ganguly on India-Pakistan Asia Cup: Sourav Ganguly stated he is "okay" with India playing Pakistan in the Asia Cup, emphasizing that "terrorism must not happen, but sports must go on."

II. Other Indian Sports Highlights:

World University Games 2025: India finished at 20th place with 12 medals (two gold, five silver, and five bronze) at the World University Games 2025. This was a poorer outing compared to the previous edition where they finished in the top ten.

Seema's Historic Medal: Indian athlete Seema became the first Indian woman to win a medal in the 5000m event at the World University Games.

Chess - FIDE Women's World Cup Final: The all-Indian final between Grand Master Koneru Humpy and International Master Divya Deshmukh in Batumi, Georgia, heads to tie-breaks today after both classical games ended in draws.

Athletics - Tejaswin Shankar: Indian decathlete Tejaswin Shankar broke his own Decathlon national record again, scoring 7826 points at the 4th Wieslawa Czapiewskiego Memorial, and took the Asian lead.





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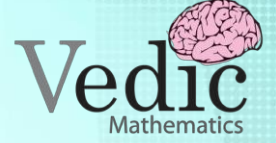
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Squash - Anahat Singh: Anahat Singh won a historic bronze medal at the World Junior Squash Championships in Cairo, Egypt, marking India's first medal in the women's singles event in 15 years.

World Police and Fire Games: PM Modi praised the Indian contingent's performance at the World Police and Fire Games in the USA, where they won 588 medals (including 280 gold), finishing third overall out of 71 countries. Ahmedabad, Gujarat, is set to host the 2029 edition.

III. Government Policy & Initiatives:

'Khelo Bharat Niti 2025' (National Sports Policy 2025):

Approval: Approved by the Union Cabinet earlier in July 2025.

Objective: To transform India's sporting landscape, make India a global sporting powerhouse, and target success in events like the 2036 Olympic Games. It replaces the National Sports Policy of 2001.

Key Focus Areas (as highlighted by PM Modi in 'Mann Ki Baat' on July 27):

Grassroots to Elite: Strengthening programs from grassroots levels to elite athlete nurturing, with early talent identification.

Sports Integration: Schools and colleges to integrate sports into daily life, aligning with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Support for Sports Startups: Assistance for sports management, technology, and equipment manufacturing startups, promoting self-reliance in sports equipment.

Infrastructure: Development of sports infrastructure in rural and urban areas.

Sports Science & Technology: Emphasis on adoption of sports science, medicine, and technology.

Inclusivity: Priority for "Villages, the poor and daughters," and empowering women, marginalized groups, and tribal communities.

Economic Development: Positioning sports as an economic driver, boosting sports tourism, and attracting international events.

Funding: For FY 2025-26, ₹3,794 crore allocated to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (130.9% increase from FY 2014-15), with ₹1,000 crore specifically for the Khelo India Programme.

Talent Identification: KIRTI (Khelo India Rising Talent Identification) program scouts talent aged 9-18 through 174 Talent Assessment Centres, aiming for India to be in the top-10 sporting nations by 2036 and top-5 by 2047.

First Indian Open World Athletics Bronze Level Continental Tour: Scheduled for August 10 in Bhubaneswar.

ICC Women's Cricket World Cup: India is set to host the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup later this year (August-September).





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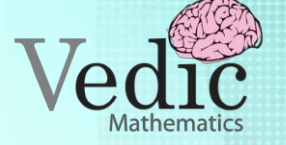
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1. Which two Indian batters scored unbeaten centuries to salvage a draw for India in the 4th Test against England at Old Trafford?

- a) Shubman Gill and KL Rahul
- b) Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli
- c) Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar
- d) Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane

Answer: c) Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar

The news states, "Ravindra Jadeja (107 not out) and Washington Sundar (101 not out) played exceptional, unbeaten centuries on the final day, salvaging a draw for India."

2. Which Indian cricketer became the first batter ever to hit four centuries in his debut Test series as captain?

- a) Rohit Sharma
- b) KL Rahul
- c) Shubman Gill
- d) Rishabh Pant

Answer: c) Shubman Gill

The news states, "Shubman Gill became the first batter ever to hit four centuries in his debut Test series as captain."

3. Why has Rishabh Pant been ruled out of the 5th Test against England at The Oval?

- a) Muscle strain
- b) Flu
- c) Fractured foot
- d) Hand injury

Answer: c) Fractured foot

The news states, "India's wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant has been ruled out of the 5th and final Test at The Oval due to a fractured foot..."





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4. What place did India finish at in the World University Games 2025, with how many medals?

- a) 10th place with 20 medals
- b) 15th place with 15 medals
- c) 20th place with 12 medals
- d) 5th place with 25 medals

Answer: c) 20th place with 12 medals

The news states, "India finished at 20th place with 12 medals (two gold, five silver, and five bronze) at the World University Games 2025."

5. Which Indian athlete made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win a medal in the 5000m event at the World University Games?

- a) Hima Das
- b) Dutee Chand
- c) Seema
- d) Neeraj Chopra

Answer: c) Seema

The news states, "Indian athlete Seema became the first Indian woman to win a medal in the 5000m event at the World University Games."

6. Which two Indian Grand Masters are competing in the all-Indian final of the FIDE Women's World Cup?

- a) Viswanathan Anand and Praggnanandhaa R.
- b) Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh
- c) Harika Dronavalli and Tania Sachdev
- d) Adhiban Baskaran and Vidit Gujrathi

Answer: b) Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh

The news states, "The all-Indian final between Grand Master Koneru Humpy and International Master Divya Deshmukh..."

7. What significant achievement did Indian decathlete Tejaswin Shankar accomplish at the 4th Wieslawa Czapiewskiego Memorial?

- a) Won a gold medal in high jump.
- b) Broke his own Decathlon national record again.
- c) Qualified for the Olympics.
- d) Set a new world record.

Answer: b) Broke his own Decathlon national record again.

The news states, "Indian decathlete Tejaswin Shankar broke his own Decathlon national record again, scoring 7826 points..."

8. Which Indian squash player won a historic bronze medal at the World Junior Squash Championships, marking India's first medal in the women's singles event in 15 years?

- a) Joshna Chinappa
- b) Dipika Pallikal
- c) Anahat Singh
- d) Saurav Ghosal

Answer: c) Anahat Singh

The news states, "Anahat Singh won a historic bronze medal at the World Junior Squash Championships... marking India's first medal in the women's singles event in 15 years."

9. What is the main objective of the newly approved 'Khelo Bharat Niti 2025' (National Sports Policy 2025)?

- a) To host the FIFA World Cup in India.
- b) To transform India's sporting landscape and make India a global sporting powerhouse, targeting success in events like the 2036 Olympic Games.
- c) To focus solely on cricket development in India.
- d) To privatize all government sports facilities.





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Answer: b) To transform India's sporting landscape and make India a global sporting powerhouse, targeting success in events like the 2036 Olympic Games.

The news states, "Objective: To transform India's sporting landscape, make India a global sporting powerhouse, and target success in events like the 2036 Olympic Games."

10. Which city in India is set to host the 2029 edition of the World Police and Fire Games?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- d) Bengaluru

Answer: c) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

The news states, "Ahmedabad, Gujarat, is set to host the 2029 edition [of the World Police and Fire Games]."

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