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Sports

1. Indian Sports Highlights:

Chess Dominance: Indian chess players are making headlines.

FIDE Women's World Cup: All four Indian Grandmasters – Koneru Humpy, D Harika, R Vaishali, and International Master Divya Deshmukh – have advanced to the quarterfinals of the FIDE Women's World Cup in Georgia. This is a historic achievement, marking the first time a country has four players in the last-eight stage of the tournament.

Freestyle Grand Slam: Young Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi has secured a semifinal spot at the Freestyle Grand Slam in Las Vegas. Additionally, teenage Indian Grandmaster Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa defeated World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen to qualify for the quarterfinals of the same event.

Wrestling Glory: Indian wrestlers have performed exceptionally at the Polyák Imre & Varga János Memorial Ranking Series in Budapest, Hungary.

Sujeet Kalkal won a gold medal in the 65kg men's freestyle category.

Antim Panghal and Harshita Mor also clinched gold medals on Friday (July 19, 2025).

Neha Sangwan secured a silver medal, and Neelam bagged a bronze, bringing India's medal tally at this series to six.

Badminton Success: India kicked off their Badminton Asia Junior Mixed Team Championships campaign in Indonesia with a commanding 110-69 victory over Sri Lanka in their Group D clash. The BWF Japan Open semi-finals are also currently underway.

Football - India U-20 Women's Team: India's Under-20 Women's national team convincingly defeated Uzbekistan 4-1 in their second friendly match in Tashkent.

Cricket - India vs. England Test Series:

India is currently engaged in a Test series against England. After a narrow 22-run defeat at Lord's, England leads the five-match series 2-1.

The crucial fourth Test at Manchester is set to begin on July 23. India's assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate hinted that pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah is likely to feature.

There is an ongoing dilemma regarding India's number 3 batting spot, with Karun Nair's inconsistent form being a concern.

Ruturaj Gaikwad has opted out of his County Championship stint with Yorkshire due to "personal reasons."

Cricket - India Women: India Women are playing their English counterparts in the second ODI at Lord's. India leads the ODI series 1-0.

Athletics - National Records & Events:

Animesh Kujur set a new men's 100m national record, clocking 10.18 seconds at the Dromia International Sprint and Relays Meeting 2025 in Greece. He also holds the 200m national record (20.32s) and was part of the record-setting 4x100m relay quartet (38.69s).





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Mohammed Afsal broke the men's 800m national record with a time of 1:44.93 at the Memoriał Czesława Cybulskiego in Poland, becoming the first Indian to break the 1:45 barrier.

Gulveer Singh continues his record-breaking streak, holding national records in the 3000m (7:38.26), 5000m (12:59.77), and 10000m (27:00.22).

Rohit Benedicton shattered the men's 50m butterfly national record with 24.00 seconds at the World University Games in Germany. He also broke the 100m butterfly record last month.

Pooja Singh (high jump) and Sachin Yadav (javelin throw) broke Games records at the 38th National Games earlier in the year.

The Indian Open Athletics Meet 2025 is being held in Patna today (July 19), featuring top Indian athletes.

Government Initiatives: Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated that the government is making all-out efforts to take sports to every village. The Youth Affairs and Sports Minister outlined a strategy to place India among the top 10 in the 2036 Summer Olympics and Paralympics.

Para Sports: Lakshmi Jadala, Asia's top-ranked para lawn tennis player with an intellectual disability, qualified for the Special Olympics 2027 by winning gold at the National Tennis Championship 2025.

2. International Sports Highlights & Upcoming Events:

Cricket - World Championship of Legends (WCL) 2025: The second edition of the WCL 2025 kicked off on July 18 in England, featuring iconic retired international cricketers in a T20 format. India Champions are the defending champions. Today (July 19), the West Indies Champions are facing South Africa Champions, and England Champions are playing Australia Champions.

Golf - The Open Championship: Scottie Scheffler is currently leading the Open Championship at the Portrush Royal Club at the halfway mark.

Rugby Union: The British & Irish Lions are playing the 1st Test against Australia in Brisbane today (July 19, 2025).

Darts: The Betfred World Matchplay darts tournament is currently underway (July 19-27) in Blackpool, England.

Sailing: The Emirates Great Britain Sail Grand Prix is taking place in Portsmouth, England (July 19-20).

Other Major July 2025 Events (already concluded or ongoing):

FIFA Club World Cup (concluded July 13)

Wimbledon (concluded July 13)

UEFA Women's Euro 2025 (July 2-27 in Switzerland)

Tour de France (July 5-27 in France)

MLB All-Star Game (July 11-15)

World Aquatics Championships (July 11 - August 3 in Singapore)

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1. In a historic achievement, how many Indian Grandmasters have advanced to the quarterfinals of the FIDE Women's World Cup in Georgia?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four

Answer: D) Four

The summary states, "All four Indian Grandmasters – Koneru Humpy, D Harika, R Vaishali, and International Master Divya Deshmukh – have advanced to the quarterfinals of the FIDE Women's World Cup..."

2. Which young Indian Grandmaster has secured a semifinal spot at the Freestyle Grand Slam in Las Vegas?

- A) Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa
- B) Koneru Humpy
- C) Arjun Erigaisi
- D) D Harika

Answer: C) Arjun Erigaisi

The summary states, "Young Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi has secured a semifinal spot at the Freestyle Grand Slam in Las Vegas."

3. At the Polyák Imre & Varga János Memorial Ranking Series in Budapest, Hungary, Sujeet Kalkal won a gold medal in which wrestling category?

- A) 57kg men's freestyle
- B) 65kg men's freestyle
- C) 74kg men's freestyle
- D) 86kg men's freestyle

Answer: B) 65kg men's freestyle

The summary states, "Sujeet Kalkal won a gold medal in the 65kg men's freestyle category."

4. India kicked off their Badminton Asia Junior Mixed Team Championships campaign with a commanding victory over which country?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Thailand
- C) Indonesia
- D) Sri Lanka

Answer: D) Sri Lanka

The summary states, "India kicked off their Badminton Asia Junior Mixed Team Championships campaign in Indonesia with a commanding 110-69 victory over Sri Lanka in their Group D clash."

5. India's Under-20 Women's national football team convincingly defeated which country 4-1 in their second friendly match in Tashkent?

- A) Kazakhstan
- B) Uzbekistan
- C) Tajikistan
- D) Kyrgyzstan

Answer: B) Uzbekistan

The summary states, "India's Under-20 Women's national team convincingly defeated Uzbekistan 4-1..."

6. After a narrow 22-run defeat at Lord's, what is the current series score in the five-match Test series between India and England?

- A) India leads 2-1
- B) England leads 2-1
- C) Series tied 1-1
- D) England leads 3-0

Answer: B) England leads 2-1

The summary states, "After a narrow 22-run defeat at Lord's, England leads the five-match series 2-1."





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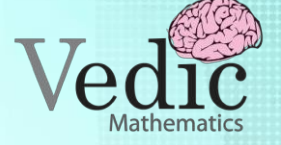
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7. Which Indian pace spearhead is hinted to likely feature in the crucial fourth Test against England at Manchester, starting July 23?

- A) Mohammed Shami
- B) Mohammed Siraj
- C) Jasprit Bumrah
- D) Umesh Yadav

Answer: C) Jasprit Bumrah

The summary mentions, "...pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah is likely to feature."

8. Animesh Kujur set a new men's 100m national record with a time of 10.18 seconds at a meeting in which country?

- A) Poland
- B) Germany
- C) Greece
- D) Japan

Answer: C) Greece

The summary states, "Animesh Kujur set a new men's 100m national record, clocking 10.18 seconds at the Dromia International Sprint and Relays Meeting 2025 in Greece."

9. Who became the first Indian to break the 1:45 barrier in the men's 800m, setting a new national record of 1:44.93?

- A) Animesh Kujur
- B) Gulveer Singh
- C) Rohit Benedicton
- D) Mohammed Afsal

Answer: D) Mohammed Afsal

The summary states, "Mohammed Afsal broke the men's 800m national record with a time of 1:44.93... becoming the first Indian to break the 1:45 barrier."

10. The Youth Affairs and Sports Minister outlined a strategy to place India among the top 10 in which upcoming major sporting event?

- A) 2028 Summer Olympics
- B) 2030 Asian Games
- C) 2036 Summer Olympics and Paralympics
- D) 2032 Commonwealth Games

Answer: C) 2036 Summer Olympics and Paralympics

The summary states, "The Youth Affairs and Sports Minister outlined a strategy to place India among the top 10 in the 2036 Summer Olympics and Paralympics."

11. Which team are the defending champions of the World Championship of Legends (WCL) 2025, which kicked off on July 18 in England?

- A) West Indies Champions
- B) England Champions
- C) Australia Champions
- D) India Champions

Answer: D) India Champions

The summary states, "India Champions are the defending champions."

12. As of July 19, 2025, who is currently leading The Open Championship at the Portrush Royal Club at the halfway mark?

- A) Rory McIlroy
- B) Jon Rahm
- C) Scottie Scheffler
- D) Brooks Koepka

Answer: C) Scottie Scheffler

The summary states, "Scottie Scheffler is currently leading the Open Championship at the Portrush Royal Club at the halfway mark."

13. The British & Irish Lions are playing their 1st Test against which country in Brisbane today (July 19, 2025)?

- A) New Zealand
- B) South Africa
- C) Australia





D) France

Answer: C) Australia

The summary states, "The British & Irish Lions are playing the 1st Test against Australia in Brisbane today (July 19, 2025)."

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