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## Sports

### Indian Sports Highlights:

**Squash:** Teen sensation Anahat Singh is leading a 12-member Indian contingent at the World Junior Squash Championships in Cairo, starting today. She is seeded second in the women's draw and is in rich form, having recently clinched the U19 Asian girls' title and Asian senior doubles gold.

### Chess:

Koneru Humpy has made history by becoming the first Indian woman to reach the semifinals of the FIDE Women's World Cup in Batumi, Georgia. This also assures India of at least one spot in the 2026 Candidates tournament.

India has had a strong showing in the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup 2025, becoming the first nation with four quarterfinalists.

India is set to host the 2025 FIDE World Cup from October 30 to November 2. The top three finishers will qualify for the 2026 Candidates Tournament.

**Wrestling:** Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers had a strong outing at the Polyak Imre & Varga Janos Memorial 2025 wrestling tournament in Budapest, Hungary. Under-23 Asian champion Sumit won a silver medal in the 60kg category, and Anil Mor secured a bronze. In other news, Antim Panghal, Sujeet Kalkal, and Harshita won gold medals at the same event, contributing to Indian women wrestlers winning the team title.

**Badminton:** India has scripted history by clinching its first-ever medal in badminton at the FISU World University Games in Berlin, Germany (a bronze).

**Athletics:** Murali Sreeshankar clinched the Long Jump title at the Portugal Sports Meet with a leap of 7.75 meters. Srihari Nataraj bettered his 'Best Indian Performance' in 100m freestyle swimming at the World University Games.

### Cricket (India vs England Test Series):

India's preparation for the 4th Test against England in Manchester has been hampered by injuries. All-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy has been ruled out of the remaining two Tests due to a left knee injury.

Left-arm seamer Arshdeep Singh is also sidelined for the 4th Test due to a thumb injury sustained in the nets. Anshul Kamboj has been added to the Indian squad as cover.

Concerns remain over the fitness of Rishabh Pant (index finger injury).

**Cricket (World Championship of Legends 2025):** The highly anticipated India vs Pakistan match in the World Championship of Legends (WCL) 2025 was officially cancelled. Several former Indian players, including Shikhar Dhawan, Irfan Pathan, Yusuf Pathan, and Harbhajan Singh, withdrew from the fixture, citing the Pahalgam terror attack in April and the geopolitical situation. This decision has sparked controversy and criticism from former Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi.

**Football:** The third edition of the Oriental Cup, a youth football tournament, is set to kick off at Dr. Ambedkar Stadium in Delhi with 36 teams competing.





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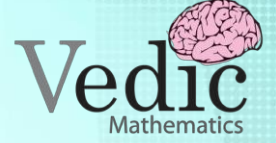
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**Government Initiatives:** The Union government is set to introduce a sports governance Bill in the Parliament session, aiming to strengthen India's bid for the 2036 Olympic Games. The bill proposes setting up a National Sports Board (NSB) and a National Sports Tribunal for dispute resolution.

### International Sports Headlines:

**Cricket (World Test Championship):** The ICC has confirmed that England will host the next three World Test Championship finals in 2027, 2029, and 2031, despite BCCI's aspirations to host the event.

**Golf (The Open Championship):** World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler cruised to his maiden British Open title.

**Tennis:** Venus Williams has returned to tennis. Jannik Sinner, Novak Djokovic, and Jack Draper were among the major withdrawals from the Canada Open 2025.

**Football (Women's Euro 2025):** England's Lucy Bronze has highlighted that online abuse in women's football seems to be getting worse.

**Hockey:** The Pakistan hockey body has informed FIH that it is not willing to send a team to India for the Asia Cup.

**Basketball:** Australia beat Japan to claim their maiden FIBA Women's Asia Cup.

**Motorsport:** Marc Marquez took the Czech MotoGP 2025 to win his fifth race in a row.

**North American Sports (Notable):** Donald Trump has urged the Washington Commanders to return to their "Redskins" name and the Cleveland Guardians to bring back "Indians," sparking controversy.

### MCQS

1. How many members are in the Indian contingent for the World Junior Squash Championships in Cairo, led by Anahat Singh?

- a) 10
- b) 11
- c) 12
- d) 13

**Answer:** c) 12

The text states, "Teen sensation Anahat Singh is leading a 12-member Indian contingent at the World Junior Squash Championships in Cairo..."

2. Koneru Humpy made history by becoming the first Indian woman to reach the semifinals of which FIDE event, also securing India a spot in the 2026 Candidates tournament?

- a) FIDE World Rapid Championship
- b) FIDE Women's World Cup
- c) FIDE Grand Swiss
- d) FIDE Women's Team Championship

**Answer:** b) FIDE Women's World Cup

The text mentions, "Koneru Humpy has made history by becoming the first Indian woman to reach the semifinals of the FIDE Women's World Cup in Batumi, Georgia."

3. At which wrestling tournament did Indian women wrestlers win the team title, with gold medals from Antim Panghal, Sujeet Kalkal, and Harshita?

- a) World Wrestling Championships
- b) Asian Wrestling Championships
- c) Polyak Imre & Varga Janos Memorial 2025
- d) Commonwealth Games Wrestling

**Answer:** c) Polyak Imre & Varga Janos Memorial 2025

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**4. India clinched its first-ever medal in badminton at which event, as mentioned in the current affairs?**

- a) All England Open
- b) World Championships
- c) FISU World University Games
- d) Olympic Games

**Answer:** c) FISU World University Games

The text indicates, "India has scripted history by clinching its first-ever medal in badminton at the FISU World University Games in Berlin, Germany (a bronze)."

**5. What was the primary reason cited by several former Indian players for withdrawing from the India vs Pakistan match in the World Championship of Legends (WCL) 2025, leading to its cancellation?**

- a) Scheduling conflicts with other tournaments.
- b) Concerns over player fitness and injuries.
- c) The Pahalgam terror attack in April and the geopolitical situation.
- d) Disagreement over player remuneration.

**Answer:** c) The Pahalgam terror attack in April and the geopolitical situation.

The text explicitly states, "...Several former Indian players... withdrew from the fixture, citing the Pahalgam terror attack in April and the geopolitical situation."

**6. Which country has been confirmed by the ICC to host the next three World Test Championship finals in 2027, 2029, and 2031?**

- a) India
- b) Australia
- c) England
- d) South Africa

**Answer:** c) England

The summary mentions, "The ICC has confirmed that England will host the next three World Test Championship finals in 2027, 2029, and 2031..."

**7. Who cruised to his maiden British Open title, as reported in the current affairs?**

- a) Rory McIlroy
- b) Jon Rahm
- c) Scottie Scheffler
- d) Brooks Koepka

**Answer:** c) Scottie Scheffler

The text states, "World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler cruised to his maiden British Open title."

