

# Daily Current Affairs

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### Indian Athletics Awards 2025

- In the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025 Olympic medal-winning javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was named as the Best Male Athlete of the Year at the ceremony which was held in New Delhi. Also the national record holder Parul Chaudhary received the Female Athlete of the Year award.
- This award was organized by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and it recognizes the athletes, coaches, officials, state associations and contributors who have played the important role in the growth of the athletics in the country.
- India's most celebrated track and field athlete and Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra, added another prestigious honor to his illustrious career by winning the Best Male Athlete of the Year award.
- Distance runner and the steeplechase specialist Parul Chaudhary was awarded the Best Female Athlete of the Year title.
- Parul enjoyed the highly successful season and winning the gold medals in both the women's 3000m steeplechase and 5000m events at the Asian Championships.
- Distance runner and the steeplechase specialist Parul Chaudhary was awarded the Best Female Athlete of the Year title.
- Parul enjoyed the highly successful season and winning the gold medals in both the women's 3000m steeplechase and 5000m events at the Asian Championships.
- One of the most emotional moments of the ceremony came when the legendary sprinter and Indian Olympic Association president **PT Usha** has received the **Lifetime Achievement Award**.
- Other recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award included the,

- Gurbachan Singh Randhawa – Former Asian Games decathlon champion
- Bahadur Singh Chauhan – Former national athletics coach
- Anju Bobby George – World Championships bronze medallist in the long jump



## Jainendra K Jain Wins Wolf Prize in Physics

- Indian origin theoretical physicist Jainendra K. Jain become the first person of Indian origin to receive the prestigious Wolf Prize in the field of Physics.
- This award recognizes his groundbreaking discovery of the composite fermions, it is a revolutionary concept that transformed scientists understanding of the fractional quantum Hall effect and it opened a new directions in the quantum physics research.
- The Wolf Prize in the Physics was presented to Jain at the state ceremony in Jerusalem by Israeli President Isaac Herzog.
- The award honors his exceptional contribution towards the condensed matter physics via the discovery of the composite fermions, a theoretical breakthrough that solved one of the most challenging puzzles in the modern physics.
- Jain's achievement is particularly important because he is the first physicist of Indian origin to receive the Wolf Prize in Physics since the award's inception in the year 1978.



## Harmanpreet Kaur Creates History

- Indian Captain Harmanpreet Kaur has achieved the historic milestone as she became the first player in the history of the cricket whether it's men's or women's to feature in 200 T20s Internationals.
- She has achieved this milestone against the South Africa in a ongoing Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in Old Trafford, Manchester.
- Harmanpreet's international journey began in the March 2009 when she made her One Day International debut against the Pakistan.
- Just a few months later in June 2009, she played her first T20 International against England at the Taunton.
- The top players includes the,
- Harmanpreet Kaur – 200 matches
- Suzie Bates – 184 matches
- Danni Wyatt-Hodge – 183 matches
- Ellyse Perry – 177 matches
- Smriti Mandhana – 169 matches
- The leading men's T20I appearance records includes the,
- Paul Stirling – 163 matches
- Rohit Sharma – 159 matches

- George Dockrell – 157 matches
- Jos Buttler – 155 matches
- Mohammad Nabi – 152 matches



## Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins FIH Nations Cup 2026

- The Indian women's hockey team scripted the history after defeating the New Zealand 2-0 in the final of the FIH Nations Cup 2026 on 21st June, 2026. With this victory, India not only lifted the trophy, but it also secured the FIH Pro League promotion and it is the highest level of the international hockey competition.
- India captured the its second FIH Nations Cup crown after previously winning the inaugural edition of the tournament in the year 2022.
- This latest triumph highlights the team's continued progress and determination to re-establish itself as the among the world's elite hockey nations.
- New Zealand began the match aggressively and it attempted to dominate possession in the opening minutes.
- However, India struck first via Navneet Kaur who have converted a penalty corner in the fourth minute with the powerful finish.
- Pool Stage Results
- India defeated USA 3-2
- India defeated Japan 2-1
- India defeated Uruguay 3-2
- Semi-Final

- India defeated Chile 6-0
- Final
- India defeated New Zealand 2-0



## Keir Starmer Resignation

- United Kingdom Keir Starmer resigned from the post of the Prime Minister. Just after the two after leading the Labour Party to the historic election victory in the year 2024, Starmer has announced that he he would step down amid growing political pressure and internal divisions within the party.
- Keir Starmer speaking outside the 10 Downing Street has confirmed that he had informed the King Charles III of his decision to resign as the Prime Minister and Labour Party leader.
- He stated that he would continue to serving in as the caretaker capacity until Labour elects a new leader.
- There are several factors that have contributed to the decline in the Starmer's political standing.
  - Economic Pressures
  - Public Service Concerns
  - Internal Labour Divisions
  - Different factions within his party increasingly disagreed on the policy priorities, spending commitments and the political strategy. These tensions have started the debates about the leadership and contributed to calls for the new direction ahead of future elections.
- **Who is the Next PM of UK?**

- As per the Britain's parliamentary system, the governing party chooses the its leader, who then becomes the Prime Minister if the party commands the majority in the House of the Commons.
- Labour will begin the leadership contest to select the Starmer's successor.



## India Wins Women's 4x100m Relay Gold

- India won the gold medal in the women's 4x100m relay at the Asian Relays Championships 2026 in Shangyu, China, on 21 June 2026. The Indian quartet of Srabani Nanda, Sneha SS, Sudeshna Shivankar, and Tamanna clocked 43.85 seconds, which was a season-best timing for the team.
- The women's 4x100m relay is a track event in athletics in which four runners cover 100 metres each and pass a baton within exchange zones. China won silver in 44.09 seconds, and Thailand won bronze in 44.11 seconds at the same event.
- India won a silver medal in the mixed 4x400m relay with MR Poovamma, Neeru Pathak, Theerthesh P Shetty, and Barath Sridhar. The team finished in 3:17.06, which placed it behind the gold medallist in the event. India also won a bronze medal in the mixed 4x100m relay through Animesh Kujur, Pranav Gurav, Tamanna, and Sneha Shanuvalli. The quartet finished in 41.47 seconds.
- The Asian Relays Championships 2026 were held in Shangyu, China.
- The women's 4x100m relay gold medal time for India was 43.85 seconds.
- The mixed 4x400m relay silver medal time for India was 3:17.06.
- The mixed 4x100m relay bronze medal time for India was 41.47 seconds.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Who was named the Best Male Athlete of the Year at the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025?**

- A) Rohit Yadav
- B) Kishore Jena
- C) Neeraj Chopra
- D) Avinash Sable

**Answer:** C) Neeraj Chopra

**2. Who received the Best Female Athlete of the Year award at the Indian Athletics Awards 2025?**

- A) Jyothi Yarraji
- B) Parul Chaudhary
- C) Hima Das
- D) Dutee Chand

**Answer:** B) Parul Chaudhary

**3. Jainendra K. Jain became the first person of Indian origin to win which prestigious award in Physics?**

- A) Nobel Prize
- B) Templeton Prize
- C) Wolf Prize
- D) Maxwell Medal

**Answer:** C) Wolf Prize

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**4. Jainendra K. Jain was honored for his discovery of which concept in physics?**

- A) Quantum Entanglement
- B) Composite Fermions
- C) Higgs Boson
- D) String Theory

**Answer:** B) Composite Fermions

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**5. Harmanpreet Kaur became the first cricketer in history to play how many T20 Internationals?**

- A) 150
- B) 175
- C) 180
- D) 200

**Answer:** D) 200

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**6. Against which country did Harmanpreet Kaur achieve the milestone of 200 T20I appearances?**

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

**Answer:** C) South Africa

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**7. Which team did India defeat in the final to win the FIH Nations Cup 2026?**

- A) Chile
- B) Japan
- C) New Zealand
- D) USA

**Answer:** C) New Zealand

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**8. What was the scoreline of the FIH Nations Cup 2026 final won by India?**

- A) 1–0

- B) 2–0
- C) 3–1
- D) 4–2

**Answer:** B) 2–0

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**9. At the Asian Relays Championships 2026, India won the gold medal in which event?**

- A) Men's 4×100m Relay
- B) Mixed 4×400m Relay
- C) Women's 4×100m Relay
- D) Women's 4×400m Relay

**Answer:** C) Women's 4×100m Relay

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**10. The Asian Relays Championships 2026 were held in which country?**

- A) Japan
- B) South Korea
- C) Thailand
- D) China

**Answer:** D) China