

Asia Cup 2025 matches delayed to beat UAE heat



Dubai, (UNI) In a proactive move to safeguard players from extreme weather conditions, the Asia Cup 2025 organisers have announced a significant change in the tournament's match timings. Eighteen of the 19 scheduled games, including the highly anticipated final, will now begin at 6:30 PM local time in the UAE, which corresponds to 8 PM Indian Standard Time. This adjustment pushes the start time by half an hour compared to the original schedule.

temperatures in September, when daytime mercury levels in the UAE are forecast to soar into the early 40s Celsius. Such scorching conditions could pose health risks to players, officials, and even ground staff, especially during prolonged exposure in day fixtures. By moving the majority of matches to the evening, organisers aim to ensure safer and more comfortable playing conditions while maintaining the competitive integrity of the tournament.

The change was made following requests from the participating cricket boards and was approved by the broadcasters covering the event. This coordination ensures that fans watching from across the globe, particularly in India, will be able to follow live action during prime evening hours. The only match unaffected by this timing adjustment is the tournament's sole day fixture, scheduled between UAE and Oman on September 15 at Abu Dhabi's Zayed Cricket Stadium. The tournament itself will commence on September 9 with Afghanistan taking on Hong Kong in Abu Dhabi, marking the start of the eight-team competition that promises intense action across all matches.

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Newcastle sign Woltemade in club record £69m deal

London, (UNI): Newcastle United have completed the club record signing of striker Nick Woltemade from Stuttgart on a six-year contract. The 6ft 6in (1.98m) Germany international, 23, has joined Newcastle in a deal worth up to £69m. This eclipses the £63m Newcastle paid to make Alexander Isak the most expensive player in the club's history three years ago. Woltemade, who will wear the number 27, has not been registered in time to make his debut against Leeds United on Saturday.

But Woltemade will have a huge role to play moving forward, given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the future of Isak - who remains determined to join Liverpool, according to a BBC news. "I'm really happy to be at this amazing club," he said. "From the first contact, I felt like the club really wanted me and had big plans for me.

"It's a big step in my life to leave Germany but everybody has welcomed me so well and it already feels like family. I have a really good feeling from speaking to the head coach that this is the right place for me to find my best level.

"I know the stadium from watching games on television - it looks amazing and I know the atmosphere is crazy. I'm really excited to play and start scoring goals here." Newcastle United head coach Eddie Howe added: "We're delighted to get Nick's signing over the line so quickly. He fits the profile for exactly what we have been looking to add to our attacking options.

"He's strong in a lot of areas - he has great technical ability and has proven himself to be a real threat in one of Europe's top leagues - but he's also still at an age where he has plenty of room to develop and grow here."

Young Tigresses scripting most dominant campaign in SAFF U17 Women's C'hip history



Thimphu (Bhutan), (UNI): The Young Tigresses may have clinched the SAFF U17 Women's Championship 2025 title with a game to spare, but the job is not done yet, according to head coach Joakim Alexandersson.

Five games, five clean sheets, 27 goals. It is already the highest tally of goals India have ever scored in a single SAFF age-group women's tournament.

Should the Young Tigresses keep another clean sheet in the last game against Bangladesh on Sunday, it will be the first time India complete a SAFF age-group women's tournament without letting in a single goal.

The title is in the bag, but there are still records to be chased. Joakim Alexandersson's girls will lift the trophy on Sunday evening, but they want it with a perfect record of six wins in six. Only that

will give them the proper champion feeling.

"We are going into the last game with the mindset to win. I told the girls, 'We are here to try to develop the team, and for that, we have to try and give our very best in every game.' So even though we have already won the tournament, I still want to see a very good performance in the last match," said Alexandersson.

"I think our performance has been very good overall. I am starting to see more of the things that we've been working on in the attacking actions. So far, I am pleased about it," he added.

Midfielder Bonifilia Shullai concurred with the coach's words. She said, "Even now, I don't feel like we are champions yet. We believe the job is not done until the trophy is in our hands and we have that gold medal.

Badminton worlds: Top seed Shi to face Canadian sensation Lai in semifinals



Paris, (UNI) Top seed Shi Yuqi of China battled past compatriot Weng Hongyang in a grueling three-game contest to advance to the men's singles semifinals of the Badminton World Championships for the first time in seven years.

Shi eventually prevailed 2-1 (21-15, 7-21, 21-10) on Friday and will next face one of the tournament's biggest surprises, Canadian rising star Victor Lai. In the quarterfinals, Lai stunned 2021 world champion Loh Kean Yew from Singapore with a fearless performance. The 20-year-old Canadian showcased blistering pace, precision, and sharp opportunism. Loh had led 17-12 in

the opening game, but Lai kept his composure, rallied back, and snatched the game before sealing a historic victory 2-0 (22-20, 21-18). "Unbelievable. I'm still shocked. I'm really happy and very thankful for all my supporters, coaches and family," Lai said.

By reaching the semifinals, he became the first Canadian ever to medal at the World Championships. "I tried not to think about it too much. I knew I had a chance, but I just had to go out there and do my best." Friday's results also ensured that China secured medals in all five disciplines, as the World Championships does not feature a bronze medal playoff.

In the women's doubles, there was an all-Chinese clash as Liu Shengshu/Tan Ning came from behind to defeat teammates Jia Yifan/Zhang Shuxian 19-21, 21-16, 21-9. The young pair will meet Japan's Rin Iwanaga/Kie Nakanishi in the semifinals. In the women's singles, fourth seed Chen Yufei overcame Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong in straight games. Although Chochuwong showed improved consistency and tactical variety, Chen held firm in the opener, clinching it 22-20 after a tense deuce, before growing in confidence to close the second game 21-14.

Duleep Trophy quarterfinals draw Indian stars

Bengaluru, (UNI) The Duleep Trophy quarterfinal matches at the BCCI Centre of Excellence have drawn considerable attention, not only for the intense competition on the field but also for the presence of several high-profile Indian cricket personalities in the stands.

National stars including Mohammed Siraj, Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Shardul Thakur, B Sai Sudharsan, Karun Nair, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Akash Deep, and Jitesh Sharma were spotted observing the proceedings closely, offering a unique opportunity for domestic players to showcase their talent in front of some of the country's finest cricketers.

The sight of these established players has added an electric atmosphere to the venue, inspiring young and



emerging talent to raise their game.

Experts and enthusiasts noted that their presence also highlights the growing importance of the Duleep Trophy as a platform for players to stake a claim for higher honours in Indian cricket.

Coaches and selectors attending the matches are believed to be closely evaluating performances, making every run, wicket, and fielding effort under the watchful eyes of both domestic mentors and international stars.

With such cricketing heavyweights in attendance, the quarterfinals

have become more than just a domestic fixture — they are a stage for future stars to impress, gain recognition, and possibly catch the eye of national team selectors. The convergence of top talent in both playing and observing roles reflects the vibrant and competitive spirit of Indian cricket.

BUSINESS

Ather Energy unveils EL, its next-generation scooter platform built for versatility & cost optimisation

Ather Energy, India's leading electric two-wheeler manufacturer, today announced a series of significant product and technology developments at the third edition of Ather Community Day 2025. Ather unveiled its highly anticipated all-new EL platform, its first vehicle architecture since the 450. Built for versatility, scalability, and cost optimisation, the EL platform sets the stage for an entirely new generation of Ather scooters across multiple segments, redefining what performance, choice, and innovation mean for Indian riders.



more intuitive and easy to use. In addition, Ather announced its next-generation fast charger, enabling quicker charging for EV owners, along with updates to its

existing product lineup.

Tarun Mehta, Co-founder & CEO, Ather Energy, said, "With the EL platform, we are laying the foundation for Ather's next phase

of growth. Just as the 450 defined our first chapter, EL will define the next, enabling us to develop multiple types of scooters at scale far more efficiently.

This platform-first approach enables faster innovation and improved efficiency, serviceability, and rider experience. EL reflects years of learning, deep R&D, and engineering. Our new factory at Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar will scale with EL platform products to meet growing demand effectively." EL Platform, Ather's next-generation EL platform is designed to meet the evolving and diverse needs of electric scooter buyers in India. The EL platform offers the flexibility to build a wide variety of form factors by utilising a common set of key components.

Winners of Best In Tech Awards (BITA) 2025 announced

New Delhi: The winners of the Best in Tech Awards (BITA) have been announced today. The awards celebrate India's best-performing consumer technology products across multiple categories, recognizing gadgets that have demonstrated exceptional performance and earned genuine consumer trust in the marketplace.

The recognition process draws from comprehensive market data and customer feedback across India's technology landscape. Products achieving recognition have demonstrated consistent performance through various market indicators and consumer satisfaction metrics, reflecting authentic user experiences and preferences. "Consumers increasingly rely on trusted sources for guidance on their tech purchases, especially during key shopping periods," said Zeba Khan, Director - Consumer Electronics, Amazon India. "BITA serves as a reflection of products that have genuinely earned recognition through real-world performance and customer satisfaction. These awards highlight technology that India has tested and embraced, while acknowledging our brand partners who consistently deliver excellence."

The recognition process combined multiple evaluation criteria to ensure authentic results. Qualifying products were assessed based on market performance indicators, customer satisfaction metrics, and professional evaluation. A distinguished panel of 11 technology experts provided industry insights, while community preferences were captured through various feedback mechanisms, ensuring that final selections reflected genuine market validation. Building trust through excellence recognition, BITA represents a commitment to highlighting innovation and recognizing brands that make technology more accessible and meaningful for consumers.

Delhi Public School, Rau, hosted its Award Ceremony -2024-25

Delhi Public School, Rau, hosted its Award Ceremony - 2024-25, EnskyingSoaring High, with pride and solemnity on Saturday, 30th August 2025. The occasion began with the auspicious lighting of the lamp, graced by the chief guest, Principal Ms. Asha Nair, who in her inspiring address urged students to uphold the values of responsibility, dedication, and service before self.



Awards for Best Sports Person, Proficiency Prizes for Highest Aggregate Percentage, the Budding Star Award, the Iconic Marker Cup, the Marker Cup, Full Attendance Awards, CCA Prizes, and the prestigious Star Ties, Star Badges, and Scholar Badges.

Parent representatives Dr Colonel Anirudh Sirothiya and Dr Rupali Sirothiya graced the event with their presence, adding to its dignity.

The Vote of Thanks by Cultural Secretary Riddhima Patel marked the close of the ceremony, which concluded with the National Anthem, resonating unity and pride.

Harvest happiness with Amazon India's Onam store

Bengaluru: Embracing the season of harvest, togetherness, and traditions, Amazon India today announced the Onam Store, to make the celebrations more joyful. From traditional kasavu sarees and dhonis, Onam Sadhya essentials, puja must-haves, to vibrant home décor and cookware, the store brings alive the spirit and flavours of Onam for customers across the country. With up to 60% off across smartphones, electronics, fashion and beauty, grocery, and home essentials, customers can find everything they need to welcome the festivities with joy.

Customers can also use Rufus, Amazon's AI-powered shopping assistant, to discover products, get personalized recommendations, and enhance their festive shopping experience.

TRST01 Partners with SOPA Members to Deliver EUDR-Compliant Traceability for Indian Non-GMO Soy

Indore: TRST01, a pioneering sustainability technology company, has formally signed an agreement with members of the Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA) in Indore to implement TRST01Chain, its advanced traceability and compliance platform designed to meet the stringent requirements of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).

With this partnership, India's major exporters of non-GMO soy have committed to adopting TRST01Chain. This strategic move ensures that Indian non-GMO soy exports to Europe will be seamless and fully compliant with EUDR norms, reinforcing India's position as a dependable global supplier of sustainable agri-commodities.

Driving Compliance and Trust through Technology, TRST01Chain integrates farm-to-export trace-



ability, including polygon mapping, provenance data, and deforestation risk assessment, ensuring that consignments of soy exported from India are fully aligned with EUDR requirements. The platform also generates the necessary due diligence statements and digital datasets for seamless integration with EU reporting systems.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. D N Pathak, Executive Director of SOPA, said: "EUDR compliance is no longer optional but essential for sustaining exports to Europe. By partnering with TRST01, our members are taking a proactive step to ensure transparency, traceability, and continued market access for Indian soy."

Prabir Mishra, Founder & CEO of TRST01, added: "We are proud to partner with SOPA members to enable India's non-GMO soy sector to comply with the EUDR. This collaboration not only safeguards exports but also reinforces the global reputation of Indian soy as sustainable and deforestation-free. TRST01 is already working with the Rubber Board of India on large-scale mapping initiatives and with India Coffee for EUDR compliance.

