

# Central in command as South trail by 233 on Day 3

**Bengaluru, (UNI)**  
The third day of the Duleep Trophy final between Central Zone and South Zone at the centre of excellence grounds unfolded as a gripping battle of attrition and counterattack, with Yash Rathod's commanding 194 putting Central in firm control before South Zone mounted a calm reply to keep their hopes alive.



ter drinks when Jain, attempting to cut, was cleaned up for 69.

Deepak Chahar then provided brisk support, scoring 37 off 49 deliveries. He and Rathod raised a 50-run stand for the seventh wicket, but Chahar's stay ended after another successful South Zone review saw him adjudged lbw by umpire J Madanagopal.

Rathod remained unbeaten as the tail offered scant resistance, guiding Central Zone to a commanding 511 in 145.1 overs shortly after lunch. Extras contributed 14, underlining how well South Zone's bowlers maintained discipline despite the onslaught.

Faced with a formidable total, South Zone openers Tanmay Agar-

wal and Mohit Kale made an assured start. Kale was quick to seize scoring opportunities, striking crisp drives and flicks as he sped to 37, while Agarwal played the supporting role with 18. The duo brought up 50 in 11.6 overs before Kale (38) fell to a feathered edge behind the stumps, the dismissal upheld on review.

Smaran Ravichandran then joined Agarwal briefly before the latter's departure opened the door for Ricky Bhui. Smaran and Bhui built steadily, curbing risk while punishing loose deliveries. Their 50-run partnership for the third wicket, compiled in 79 balls, steadied the innings after a brief wobble.

By stumps, South Zone were 129/2 in 33 overs, with Smaran on 37 not out and Bhui on 26 not out. They trail by 233 runs but have set a strong foundation for Day 4.

The day was punctuated by three decisive reviews that shifted momentum at key moments.

# India held 1-1 by Japan in Women's Asia Cup clash



**Hangzhou, (UNI)**

The Indian Women's Hockey Team showcased resilience and attacking intent as they drew 1-1 against Japan in their Super4s match at the Women's Asia Cup 2025, keeping their hopes alive for a place in the final. India took the lead early in the contest through Beauty Dung Dung in the 7th minute. The goal came from a quick combination on the right flank as Neha's initial effort was deflected by Dung Dung past Japan's goalkeeper.

The early strike gave India momentum, and they continued to press Japan's defence throughout the first quarter.

Ishika Chaudhary tested the Japanese goalkeeper soon after, hitting the frame of the goal in one of India's first threatening moves. India earned the game's opening penalty corner before the quarter ended, maintaining their 1-0 lead.

Japan responded in the second quarter, increasing their attacking intensity. They earned a penalty corner but India's defenders, led by experienced campaigners, managed to hold firm. India gradually regained possession and began mounting attacks again, but Japan's solid defensive structure kept them

at bay. The half-time whistle saw India leading 1-0, with the match finely poised.

The third quarter saw India continuing to dominate possession, with Lalremsiami orchestrating much of the attack. The team created multiple opportunities and executed sharp passing sequences to break down Japan's defence. Despite their dominance and relentless pressure, India could not extend their lead as the Japanese defenders absorbed the attacks effectively.

The final quarter witnessed Japan intensifying their attacks, seeking the equaliser. India's defence, including critical interventions by their goalkeeper, managed to repel early incursions. Midway through the quarter, India launched a counter-offensive, earning a flurry of penalty corners and putting the Japanese defence under pressure. However, in the 58th minute, Shiho Kobayakawa capitalised on a lapse in India's defence to score, levelling the match at 1-1.

The game ended with both teams sharing the points. India's qualification for the Women's Asia Cup final now depends on the outcome of the China vs Korea match.



# World Boxing Championships 2025: Minakshi, Jaismine, Nupur register dominant wins to reach finals

**Liverpool, (UNI):** Minakshi (women's 48kg), Jaismine Lamboria (women's 57kg) and Nupur (women's 80kg) were at their dominant best in their respective semi-finals to raise hope of multiple gold medals for India at the World Boxing Championships 2025 in Liverpool.

Minakshi defeated Altantsetseg Lutsaikhan of Mongolia 5:0. Jaismine hammered Omallyn Carolina Alcalá Cegovia of Venezuela 5:0 and Nupur proved too good for Turkey's Seyma Duztas.

India has fielded a 20-member contingent at the inaugural World Championships being held under the aegis of the World Boxing – a recently formed international governing body for boxing and is hoping for a good showing in both men and women events. Pooja Rani (women's 80kg) is the fourth Indian boxer to reach the semifinals and will face Emily Asquith of England later in the day.

In the women's 48kg semifinals, Minakshi did not allow two-time Asian bronze medallist Lutsaikhan to find her rhythm in any of the three rounds and completely dominated the bout to earn a unanimous decision.

It was similar story in the other two semifinals as both Jaismine and Nupur rarely looked under pressure throughout their bouts.

In the finals on Saturday night, Jaismine will now face Paris Olympic silver medallist Julia Szeremeta of Poland while Nupur will take on another Polish boxer Agata Kaczmarek, a multiple-time European championships medallist.

# Ranchi Press Club football tournament kicks off, Journalists show sporting spirit

**Ranchi, (UNI)**

The 25th edition of the Press Club Football Tournament began today at Gandhi Nagar Stadium, showcasing journalists not only as writers but also as spirited players, said Jharkhand Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore.

He inaugurated the event by kicking off the first ball of the tournament organized by the Ranchi Press Club with support from CCL.

On the opening day, two league matches were played. In Group A, Rajmahal and Jhumra teams ended in a 1-1 draw. In the second match, Betla defeated Sarju 1-0. Ranjit Kumar was declared

Man of the Match in the first game, while Nutan Tirki received

the honor for the second.

Addressing the gathering, Finance Minister Kishore praised the journalists' versatility, saying,

"The pen-wielding warriors also shine on the field. Watching the match today was a delight."

The event saw participation from several dignitaries, including former Deputy Mayor and Jharkhand State Cricket Association Chairman Ajay Nath Shahdeo, who appreciated the journalists' energy and enthusiasm for sports.

"There is no age limit or constraint here. Seeing all journalists play freely is inspiring. They are not only masters of the pen but also make their presence felt in every field," he said, lauding the Press Club organizing committee.

# Esha nails women's air pistol gold to end India's medal drought in style

**New Delhi, (UNI)**

Olympian and reigning mixed team pistol world champion Esha Singh, ended India's medal drought at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Ningbo, China, in style, bagging gold in the women's 10m air pistol, leaving home favourite and in-form Yao Qianxun 0.1 behind in the final at the Ningbo Olympic Sports Centre on Saturday (Sep 13, 2025) morning. Reigning Olympic champion in the event, Oh Yejin of Korea, had to settle for bronze. Thrilled with winning a first-ever world cup gold in the event, Esha said after the final, "I am very happy as air is the first event that I started with and to win a world cup gold in it...I am just happy that some of my goals are being reached."



Also speaking on the next challenges ahead she said, "Yes obviously the world championship is the next big one for the year. We are training very hard for it and I am sure you will see very good things

from the Indian team in Cairo."

She also spoke about her final mindset saying, "Yes I am aware of things like India has not won a medal yet and that there are great shooters in the field, but I have

played many finals against these guys and its them all the time so I now know that the pistol is in my hand and the battle is with me so I try to enjoy the match as much as possible."

Morning did not show the day in this case two Indians, Esha and Rhythm Sangwan, made the women's air pistol final, clinching the final two available berths with scores of 578 each.

Yao, who has medaled in all the world cups as well as the Asian Championship this year, topped the field with a 584. In fact, reigning Asian Games champ Palak Gulia of India playing for ranking points only, shot an impressive 586 to even better Yao and her in-contention compatriots. Surbhi Rao, the third Indian in the field, shot 568 to finish 25th overall.

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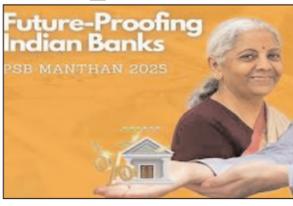
# DFS organises 'PSB Manthan 2025' on future growth of public sector banks

**New Delhi, (UNI)**

Public Sector Banks have moved beyond the phase of survival and stability and are now positioned to play a larger role as champions of growth, innovation, and leadership in the journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047, M Nagaraju, Secretary Department of Financial Services, said today.

He also highlighted the need for PSBs to aspire to global competitiveness, strengthen governance and operational resilience, and expand their role as sectoral champions across both traditional and emerging industries.

He was speaking at 'PSB Manthan 2025', a two-day programme



organised by Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance that concluded today.

Discussions further suggested that Public Sector Banks put in place robust governance frameworks for artificial intelligence (AI) aimed at strengthening model risk management, nurturing re-

sponsible AI adoption, and instituting appropriate safeguards against emerging risks.

This event was chaired by the DFS Secretary and brought together senior leadership of Public Sector Banks along with regulators, industry experts, academicians, technologists, and banking practitioners.

The programme featured seven panel discussions, three expert sessions and open house sessions covering themes like customer experience, governance, purposeful innovation, credit growth, risk management, workforce readiness, technology modernisation, and national priorities.

# FundsIndia Crosses Rs20,000 Cr AUM, Aims to Become India's Go-To Wealth Management Platform

**Chennai:** FundsIndia, one of India's pioneering digital wealth management platforms, has announced a landmark achievement, crossing Rs20,000 crore in Assets Under Management (AUM). This milestone underscores the company's strong market position as a trusted fintech leader delivering investor-centric solutions at scale. FundsIndia's growth trajectory reflects consistent expansion across Retail Investors, Partner Ecosystem, and Private Wealth clients, strengthening its position in the wealth management space. By combining technology-driven convenience with personalised guidance, supported by deep research capabilities and enduring investor trust, FundsIndia is committed to evolving into a full-service wealth management platform, a go-to destination for every investor seeking comprehensive wealth management solutions.

# India's no. 1 EV takes safety to the next level -Nexon.ev Launched with ADAS



**Mumbai:** TATA.ev, India's largest 4-wheeler EV manufacturer and the pioneer of the country's electric mobility revolution, today announced the introduction of ADAS safety tech in the Nexon.ev 45. Enhancing its premium appeal, the company has also added features such as a rear window sunshade and ambient lighting, offering greater value to customers. In addition, TATA.ev has unveiled the Nexon.ev #DARK, further elevating the style and exclusivity

of the portfolio.

These new introductions come with a 5-star Bharat-NCAP rating, making the entire Nexon.ev line-up 5-star safety certified and reaffirming the company's commitment to building safer vehicles for Indian roads. The Nexon.ev 45 is also available with a lifetime HV battery warranty for the first owner, ensuring complete peace of mind for the EV customer.

Commenting on the enhancements to the Nexon.ev 45 portfolio, Mr. Vivek-Srivatsa, Chief Commercial Officer, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd., said, "At TATA.ev, we strive to enhance our products constantly to make the purchase more meaningful for our customers. The Nexon.ev is a clear representation of how we have worked towards consistently enriching appeal of our products to increase their value

# Jaipuria Institute of Management Rises in NIRF 2025 Rankings: Four Campuses Among India's Top Management Institutes

**Indore:** In the NIRF 2025 Management Rankings, Jaipuria Institute of Management has once again strengthened its national standing with all four campuses ranked among India's top management institutes. Jaipuria Noida climbed to rank 41 (from 45 last year), Lucknow to 67 (from 72), Jaipur to 74 (from 75), while Indore maintained its standing in the 101-125 rank band. This consistent upward trajectory reflects Jaipuria's unwavering focus on academic excellence, research innovation, and student success. The rise of Noida, Lucknow and Jaipur campuses in particular highlights Jaipuria's ability to continuously improve and adapt in an evolving education landscape.

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), launched in 2015 by the Ministry of Education, is now regarded as the gold standard for evaluating higher education institutions in India. Built to bring transparency, accountability, and healthy competition, the rankings are based on five parameters: Teaching, Learning & Resources; Research & Professional Practices; Graduation Outcomes; Out-

reach & Inclusivity; and Perception. Over the past decade, the framework has become a trusted guide for students, families, and academic stakeholders in making informed choices.

With an unwavering commitment to excellence, Jaipuria Institute of Management has firmly established itself as a management institution with a philosophy that is Student First, AI Native, and Career Ready. Backed by a legacy of 30 years and campuses in Lucknow, Noida, Jaipur, and Indore, Jaipuria delivers personalized learning journeys, technology-driven pedagogy, and a robust placement record—with 275+ recruiters, 1,100+ offers, and international packages as high as ₹36.64 LPA—making it a preferred choice for management aspirants nationwide.

Commenting on the achievement, Shreevats Jaipuria, Vice Chairman, Jaipuria Institute of Management, said: "The rise of our campuses in the NIRF 2025 rankings is a matter of immense pride and a reflection of Jaipuria's focus on academic quality, impactful research, and student outcomes."

# Gramin Bank organizes financial inclusion camp

Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank organized a Jan Suraksha Camp in Gram Panchayat - Gulgaon (Block - Sanchi) under Financial Inclusion Campaign. On this occasion, General Manager of Reserve Bank of India, respected Mr. Hemant Kumar Soni, LDO of Reserve Bank of India, respected Mr. Vishal Yadav, District Raisen Lead Manager, respected Mr. Pratap Singh, representative of Central Bank of India, Chief Manager, respected Mr. A.P. Singh and Chief Manager from Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank, respected Mr. Manoj Kumar Chugh, District Coordinator, respected Mr. Jitendra Tiwari, Branch Sanchi were present.

Branch Manager Shubham Sakalle, Branch Resource Collection Officer Mr.



Saurabh Bagddev, Assistant Mr. Dharmendra Jain along with officials of various banks were present.

As per the instructions of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) of the Government of India, this campaign is being organized in every Gram Panchayat of the country from 01 July 2025 to 30 September 2025. During the camp, the villagers present

were especially made aware of the following topics. On this occasion, the General Manager of the Reserve Bank of India, Mr. Hemant Kumar Soni, personally met the villagers present and provided them detailed information about financial literacy through quiz and other interesting methods. Along with this, Mr. Soni provided appropriate solutions to the

questions and doubts of the villagers present regarding various schemes of the bank. LDO of Reserve Bank of India, Mr. Vishal Yadav, provided detailed information about the importance of social security schemes as well as protection from digital fraud. Regarding financial literacy and awareness, Shubham Sakalle, Branch Manager, Sanchi branch of Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank, explained the importance of financial discipline through the live example of an aware customer of the same bank's branch in Bareilly, Mr. Naveen Srivastava 'Naveen Kirana Store, Bareilly', and requested the villagers present to take maximum benefit of the bank's other schemes including social security schemes.