

FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers 2026: Uruguay cruise to 3-0 win against Wales

Hyderabad,(UNI)

Uruguay confirmed a fifth place finish at the FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers 2026 Hyderabad, Telangana, defeating Wales 3-0 in the 5/6th place match held at the G. M. C. Balayogi Hockey Ground (Gachibowli Hockey Complex) on Saturday afternoon. Teresa Viana (23'), Magdalena Verga (36') and Lupe Curutchague (57') netted for the South Americans.

Earlier today, Austria clinched seventh place with a hard-fought 1-1 (2-1 SO) victory over Ko-



rea in the 7/8th place match.

Kristine Vukovich (3') scored for Austria, while Captain Lee Yuri (31') got Korea back on level terms.

Both keepers were exceptional in the shootout, but it was Michaela Streb who ensured Austria got over the line, with Carla Kemper scoring the winning goal for their side.

Later in the day, Scotland will take on Italy in the 3/4th classification match, while hosts India will face England in the Final.

Carrick is doing an excellent job: Man Utd co-owner Ratcliffe



London,(UNI)

Manchester United co-owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe says Michael Carrick is doing an "excellent job" as interim head coach but refused to be drawn on whether he would be appointed permanently.

Former midfielder Carrick, 44, came in after the sacking of Ruben Amorim in January and has overseen a significant upturn in form. His team have won six of eight matches, with United accruing more points in that period than any other side in the Premier League, including leaders Arsenal.

Speaking publicly for the first time about Carrick since his appointment, Ratcliffe told Sky Sports News: "He is doing an excellent job, yes, absolutely."

United's resurgence has naturally led to calls for Carrick to be considered for the job on a full-time basis.

But Ratcliffe refused to be drawn on appointing Carrick in a long-term role, saying: "No, not going there."

United went into the weekend sitting third in the league with nine games left to play, on course for

Champions League qualification for the first time since a third-place finish in the 2022-23 season.

"Clearly we are thinking about that [Champions League qualification], but there are still seven or eight games to go, so still a while yet," said Ratcliffe.

Should Carrick manage to steer United into the Champions League, he will strengthen the case for him to stay in charge beyond this season.

But Ratcliffe and United's board are acutely aware that they must get their next appointment right.

Ratcliffe opted to give Erik ten Hag a new contract following United's FA Cup final victory over Manchester City in 2024 - only to sack him less than three months into the following season.

Replacement Amorim was backed despite United finishing 15th in the Premier League and losing the Europa League final to Tottenham.

After a mixed start to this season, Ratcliffe said in October that he hoped to give the Portuguese coach three years to prove he is the right man at Old Trafford.

Russell beat Ferrari to win Shanghai F1 Sprint



Shanghai,(UNI)

Mercedes' George Russell held off a challenge from Ferrari to convert pole position into victory in an entertaining first Sprint race of the 2026 Formula 1 season.

After setting the fastest time in Friday's qualifying session, Russell held his lead into the first corner but was overtaken by Lewis Hamilton on the back straight. The move sparked an early duel between the two Britons, who traded positions while deploying their battery power at different points on the Shanghai International Circuit.

Russell, however, appeared to manage his tyres better and regained a lead he would keep to the chequered flag by lap five. Hamilton then faded and was passed by Ferrari teammate Charles Leclerc, but the Monegasque was unable to close Russell's advantage, which had grown to 4.4 seconds by lap 12.

A safety car on lap 13 briefly threatened to disrupt the order as the leading runners all pitted for fresh tyres. Russell maintained his lead at the restart and crossed the line just 0.6 seconds ahead of a charging Leclerc.

"It was a lot of fun in the end. I hope it was a fun race to watch. Usually Sprint races are pretty boring but then I got everything under control. Really happy to get the win," said Russell.

Behind the two Ferraris, Lando Norris finished fourth for McLaren, ahead of Russell's teammate Kimi Antonelli, who recovered to fifth after an eventful race.

The Italian had dropped into the midfield from second on the grid after a poor start and later made light contact with Red Bull's Isack Hadjar, earning a 10-second time penalty. He then briefly climbed back to second before falling to seventh after serving his penalty during his pit stop.

Mexico midfielder Ruiz likely to miss World Cup

Mexico City,(UNI)

Toluca and Mexico midfielder Marcel Ruiz will undergo surgery after suffering a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, the Liga MX side said.

The 25-year-old sustained the injury in Toluca's 3-2 away loss to San Diego in their CONCACAF Champions Cup round-of-16 first leg on Wednesday, according to Xinhua.

"Our midfielder will undergo surgery in the coming days and the recovery time will depend on his progress," Toluca said in a statement on Friday.

"Everyone at this institution laments what happened and stands in solidarity with him, wishing him a speedy recovery."

The injury usually requires a recovery time of at least six months, meaning Ruiz will almost certainly miss this year's FIFA World Cup. Mexico will host the tournament along with the

United States and Canada from June 11 to July 19.

The news came two days after America goalkeeper Luis Malagon was also ruled out of the World Cup after suffering a torn Achilles tendon.

Chandrika, Gunjan, Joyshree and Ambekar Reach Finals at World Boxing Futures Cup

Bangkok, (UNI)

India's young boxers continued their impressive run at the World Boxing Futures Cup 2026 in Bangkok, with Chandrika, Gunjan, Joyshree Devi and Ambekar Meetei advancing to the finals after registering convincing victories in their semifinal bouts on Saturday.

In the women's 51kg category, Chandrika delivered a strong performance to defeat Rihab Hamdoune of Morocco by Referee Stopped Contest (RSC) in Round 2, sealing her place in the gold medal bout.

In the women's 48kg category, Gunjan delivered a dominant performance to defeat North Korea's Yu Gyong Kim by a 5-0 unanimous decision, booking her place in the final.

Joyshree Devi (54kg) produced another commanding



display, stopping Mexico's Sofia Ramirez by Referee Stopped Contest (RSC) in the first round to secure her spot in the final.

In the men's 50kg category, Ambekar Meetei also advanced to the final after registering a 5-0 unanimous decision victory

over Uzbekistan's Abdugani Yorkinjonov.

Meanwhile, Radhamani Longjam (57kg) fought a closely contested bout but went down 2-3 to Ukraine's Yevanhelina Petruk in the semifinals, finishing with a bronze medal.

With four Indian boxers now progressing to the finals, the contingent will aim to convert their strong performances into gold medals as the tournament approaches its concluding stage.

The World Boxing Futures Cup, being held in Bangkok from March 8 to 15, features promising youth boxers from across the world competing in the Youth Olympic weight categories, providing valuable international exposure for the next generation of boxers.

BUSINESS

IT Dept issues clarification on reported emails under Advance Tax e-Campaign for AY 2026-27

New Delhi,(UNI)

The Income Tax Department has taken cognizance of taxpayers reporting emails containing inaccurate details regarding 'significant transactions' undertaken by them as part of the ongoing Advance Tax e-Campaign for AY2026-27 (Financial Year 2025-26).

Income Tax India said with posting a clarification letter on X, "Kind attention taxpayers! Clarification has been issued regarding certain email communications sent under the Advance e-Campaign for AY2026-27 (FY 2025-26)."



are actively working to resolve the matter in coordination with our ser-

vice provider. In the meantime, taxpayers are requested to kindly ig-

nore the earlier email communication related to the Advance Tax e-

Campaign for AY 2026-27 (Financial Year 2025-26)."

"The Department would like to clarify that these communications are intended purely as facilitative reminders to enable taxpayers to review relevant financial information available on the compliance portal, and where applicable, ensure appropriate advanced tax compliance," it added.

Taxpayers are advised to verify their transaction details through the e-Campaign tab on the compliance portal, accessible via the e-filing portal.

ISB, Punjab Police and CyberPeace Launch India's Premier Cybersecurity & AI Safety Hackathon 2026

The Indian School of Business (ISB), through its Institute of Data Science (IDS), in collaboration with the Punjab Police State Cyber Crime Division and the CyberPeace has announced the launch of the National Hackathon on Cybersecurity & AI Safety 2026 - a major national initiative to strengthen India's capabilities in cybersecurity, digital resilience and responsible artificial intelligence.

The hackathon will bring together students, researchers, technologists, law enforcement professionals, and policy experts from across India to develop innovative solutions addressing emerging threats in digital security and AI Safety. The initiative seeks to catalyse grassroots innovation, generate open-source tools and datasets, and contribute to national policy discussions on AI safety.



By fostering collaboration between academia, industry and law enforcement, the initiative aims to generate practical technologies and research insights that can strengthen India's Cyber defence Ecosystem.

Registration for the Hackathon on Cybersecurity & AI Safety 2026 is now open and closes on March 22, 2026. Interested participants can register at: www.isb.edu/events/hackathon-on-cybersecurity-and-ai-safety-2025-26

Cadila Pharmaceuticals Marks 75 Years of Excellence, Innovation and Service to Healthcare

Ahmedabad: Cadila Pharmaceuticals, one of India's most respected pharmaceutical companies, today commemorates 75 years of its enduring journey in strengthening healthcare delivery and advancing affordable, high-quality medicines across India and global markets.

Founded in 1951 by visionary entrepreneur Indravadan Modi, Cadila Pharmaceuticals began its journey at a time when India's pharmaceutical ecosystem was still in its infancy. Guided by a deep sense of national purpose



and self-reliance, the company has since grown into a diversified pharmaceutical organization with a strong presence across branded formulations, generics, consumer healthcare, and institutional segments.

Over the past seven and

a half decades, Cadila Pharmaceuticals has remained committed to its founding philosophy of innovation with compassion, continuously investing in research, manufacturing excellence, and quality systems. The company today serves mil-

lions of patients through a wide portfolio of therapies spanning critical and chronic care, while maintaining a strong focus on ethical practices and patient-centricity.

Speaking on the milestone, Mr. Ramesh Chowksi - a Board of Directors' said: "Completing 75 years is not just a celebration of longevity, but a tribute to the vision of our founder, the trust of the medical fraternity, and the dedication of generations of employees who have built Cadila Pharmaceuticals with integrity and purpose.

Glaucoma Cannot Be Cured but Vision Can Be Preserved for Life: Dr. Amit Solanki

On the occasion of World Glaucoma Week, Shanti Eye-Tech Eye Care & Laser Hospital organized a unique patient awareness programme titled "Living With Glaucoma." The initiative aimed to educate glaucoma patients and their families about understanding the disease and managing it effectively.

According to global estimates, more than 80 million people worldwide are affected by glaucoma, making it one of the leading causes of irreversible blindness.

In India alone, nearly 12 million people are living with glaucoma, and the disease accounts for about 12% of total blindness in the country.

Alarmingly, experts believe that over 80% of glaucoma cases in India remain undiagnosed.

In this awareness event, More than 90 glauco-



ma patients along with their family members attended the programme. During the interactive session, Dr. Solanki explained that glaucoma is often called the "silent thief of sight" because it can gradually damage vision without noticeable symptoms in its early stages.

"Glaucoma cannot be cured, but it can definitely be controlled. With timely treatment, regular follow-ups and proper use of prescribed eye drops, patients can preserve their vision for a lifetime," said Dr. Amit Solanki.

He emphasized the importance of regular eye examinations, adherence to medications, healthy lifestyle habits, and strong family support in managing this lifelong condition and also addressed several common myths and misconceptions about glaucoma.