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Deepti Sharma Sets New Wicket Record in Women's T20 Cricket

- Indian women's cricket has achieved another major milestone with Deepti Sharma's record-breaking feat. She has become the highest wicket-taker in Women's T20 International cricket.
- She achieved this landmark during the 5th T20I match against Sri Lanka at Thiruvananthapuram.
- Deepti claimed her 152nd T20I wicket, surpassing Australia's Megan Schutt (151 wickets).
- This achievement highlights Deepti Sharma's long-term consistency and longevity in international cricket.
- She has been a key member of India's T20 team for nearly a decade, known for economical and wicket-taking spells.
- Deepti Sharma also retains the No. 1 position in the ICC Women's T20I Bowling Rankings, confirming her dominance in the format.

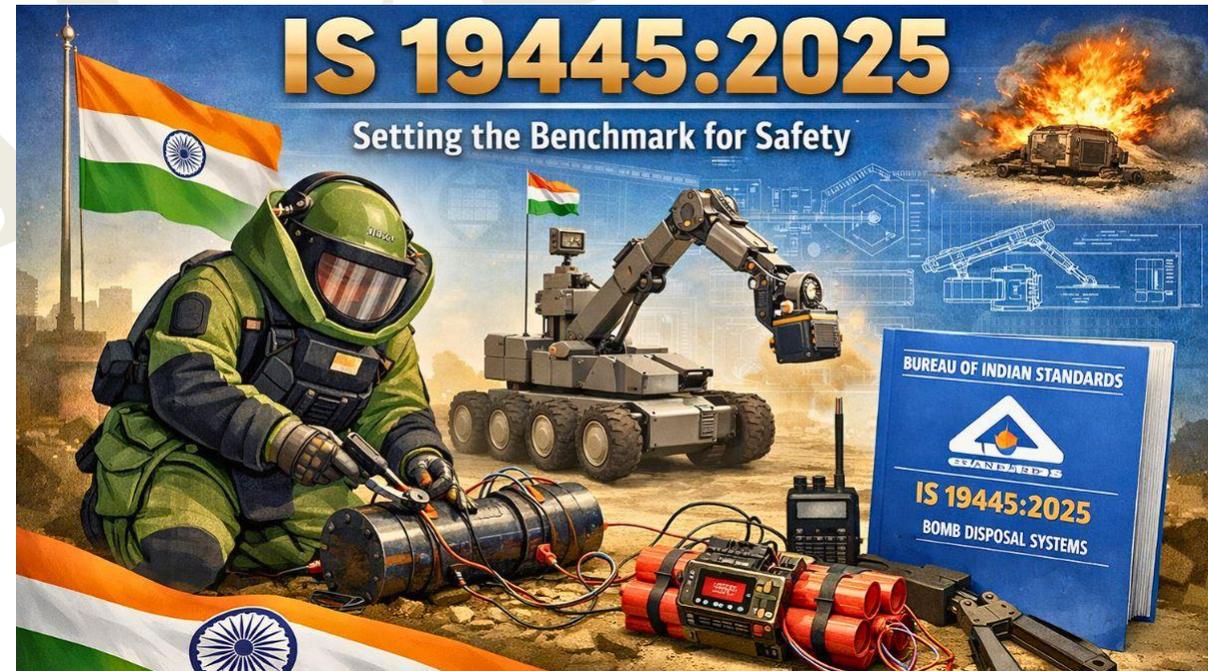


Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) notified India's first dedicated standard for bomb disposal systems

- In December 2025, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) notified India's first dedicated standard for bomb disposal systems. The standard is titled IS 19445:2025.
- It aims to strengthen India's internal security preparedness and safety infrastructure.
- It was developed at the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory.
- The standard provides guidelines to evaluate systems against blast loads and splinter effects.
- It aims to ensure uniform evaluation, quality manufacturing, and confidence in bomb disposal systems.

Bureau of Indian Standards:

- Established: 1987
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Director General: Sanjay Garg



Hurun India Rich List 2025: Jayshree Ullal Emerges as Wealthiest Indian-Origin Tech Executive

- **Indian-origin billionaire Jayshree Ullal**, CEO and President of Arista Networks, **topped the list of wealthiest tech executives of Indian origin**, surpassing Sundar Pichai and Satya Nadella.
- A British-born Indian-origin leader, Ullal has been heading Arista Networks since 2008; earlier, she worked with Cisco Systems, AMD, and Fairchild Semiconductor, and is based in Santa Clara, California.
- She studied at Convent of Jesus & Mary, New Delhi, earned engineering degrees from San Francisco State University and Santa Clara University, and received an Honorary Doctorate in Engineering in 2025.
- With a net worth of \$5.7 billion, Ullal ranks 713th globally; Arista Networks reported \$7 billion revenue in 2024, with her wealth rising steadily amid the AI and software boom.



Param Rudra Supercomputer Launched at IIT-Patna

- IIT-Patna inaugurated the PARAM Rudra supercomputer, marking Bihar's first high-performance computing facility.
- The supercomputer has been installed under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
- The inauguration was presided over by Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- PARAM Rudra is an indigenously developed supercomputer with high computational capacity.
- It will support advanced research in fields such as Artificial Intelligence, data science, quantum computing, material design, and fluid mechanics.
- Under NSM, 37 supercomputers have already been deployed across India
- These supercomputers provide a combined computing capacity of 39 petaFLOPS and support over 12,000 researchers.
- The government plans to add 10 more supercomputers, increasing India's total capacity to over 100 petaFLOPS in the next phase.



Ministry of Civil Aviation Grants NOCs to Three New Airlines

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to three new airlines.
- The approved airlines are Shankh Air, Al Hind Air, and FlyExpress.
- These approvals will help increase competition in the Indian aviation market.
- The move aims to diversify the domestic airline sector, which is currently dominated by a few major carriers.
- Shankh Air has already received its NOC and plans to start commercial operations in early 2026.
- Shankh Air will focus on regional and underserved routes.
- Al Hind Air and FlyExpress have also secured their NOCs and plan to begin operations in 2026.
- These airlines aim to improve connectivity and provide more choices to passengers.

About Ministry of Civil Aviation:

- Union Minister- Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu
- Party: Telugu Desam Party
- Constituency- Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh



Humpy, Arjun Erigaisi Win Bronze at FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships

- India's chess contingent delivered an impressive performance at the FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships 2025 in Doha.
- Koneru Humpy won the bronze medal in the Women's category, while Arjun Erigaisi secured bronze in the Open category.
- Koneru Humpy is a two-time World Rapid Champion (2019 and 2024) and narrowly missed becoming the first woman to win the title three times.
- She finished with 8.5 points out of 11 rounds, tied with Zhu Jiner (China) and Aleksandra Goryachkina (Russia).
- Due to FIDE tie-break rules (Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, and average opponent rating), Humpy was placed third.
- In the Open category, World No.1 Magnus Carlsen won his sixth World Rapid title with 10.5 points.
- Vladislav Artemiev (Russia) won silver with 9.5 points.
- Arjun Erigaisi finished with 9.5 points and claimed bronze after a strong late surge.



IRDAI Imposes ₹1 Crore Penalty on Reliance General Insurance for Regulatory Violations

- IRDAI imposed a ₹1 crore penalty on Reliance General Insurance Company for violating outsourcing norms, commission rules, and corporate governance guidelines.
- A key violation involved using an individual agent of another insurer for advertising and publishing services, which breached regulatory norms.
- The action highlights IRDAI's strict enforcement of insurer–agent relationship rules and governance standards.

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):

- Established: 1999 under the IRDA Act, 1999
- Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana
- Chairman: Ajay Seth



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The logo for Reliance General Insurance features the word "RELIANCE" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "I" is replaced by a red triangle pointing upwards. Below "RELIANCE", the words "General Insurance" are written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a light gray rectangular background.

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security and IC Centre for Governance Partner to Embed Ethical Leadership in EPFO Administration

- PDUNASS, the apex training institute of EPFO, signed an MoU with the IC Centre for Governance (ICCFG) in New Delhi.
- The aim of the partnership is to promote ethical leadership in social security administration.
- It focuses on building moral integrity, ethical leadership, and technical skills among EPFO officers.
- The initiative supports digital reforms and Ease of Living measures in EPFO.
- The collaboration aligns with Mission Karmayogi, shifting from rule-based compliance to role-based ethical competence.
- Key values emphasized include transparency, accountability, and empathy
- A tiered annual training framework has been introduced for EPFO officers.
- This includes residential leadership programmes for Group 'A' officers at ICCfG and citizen-centric conduct training for Group 'B' officers at PDUNASS.



National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli Signs MoU with Ministry of Minority Affairs to Implement PM VIKAS Scheme

- NIFTEM–Kundli signed an MoU with the Ministry of Minority Affairs in New Delhi to implement the PM VIKAS Scheme as a Project Implementing Agency (PIA).
- The PM VIKAS Scheme aims to skill minority youth through need-based training programmes and ensure employment and livelihood opportunities.
- Under the project, NIFTEM-K will train 2,110 beneficiaries in courses such as Multi Skill Technician (Food Processing), Millet Products Processor, and Assistant Baking Technician across Jharkhand, Bihar, Punjab, and Haryana.
- The initiative seeks to enhance employability, provide market and credit linkages, and integrate minority communities into the economic mainstream, with rollout expected in January 2026.



Aryaman Finance (India) Ltd Gets RBI Nod to Operate as Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)

- Aryaman Finance (India) Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Aryaman Financial Services Ltd (AFSL), has received a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to commence operations as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- AFSL is a Mumbai-based SEBI-registered Category-I merchant banker, engaged in activities such as lead management, syndication of IPOs/FPOs/Rights Issues/QIPs, PIPE deals, VC funding, and other fund-raising activities.
- The CoR allows the WOS to operate as a Type II NBFC (Non-Deposit taking – Investment and Credit Company), enabling it to provide credit and investment services without accepting public deposits.



Smriti Mandhana Becomes Second Indian to Reach 10,000 International Runs

- Smriti Mandhana became the second Indian woman and the fourth player globally to score 10,000 runs in international cricket.
- She achieved this milestone during the 4th T20I against Sri Lanka at Greenfield International Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram.
- With this feat, she joined an elite group of women cricketers: Mithali Raj, Suzie Bates, and Charlotte Edwards.
- Mandhana is now the second Indian woman after Mithali Raj to achieve this landmark, highlighting India's growing legacy in women's cricket.
- Mandhana was the highest ODI run-scorer of 2025.

