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Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the Women's Premier League 2026 final



- Fourth season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026 final (Royal Challengers Bengaluru VS Delhi Capitals) was held on 5 February 2026 at the Baroda Cricket Association Stadium in Vadodara.
- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) chased down a massive 204-run target, the highest successful chase ever in the WPL, to defeat Delhi Capitals (DC) by six wickets at Vadodara.
- Batting first, Delhi Capitals scored 203/4, the second-highest first-innings total in any women's T20 final, with Jemimah Rodrigues (57) and Laura Wolvaardt (44) playing key roles.
- During the chase, Smriti Mandhana and Georgia Voll added a record 165 runs off 92 balls, the highest partnership for any wicket in WPL history, after RCB slipped to 9/1.
- The match tightened dramatically in the final overs, turning a near-certain RCB win into a thrilling, last-over finish.
- Player Of the Match In WPL Final 2026

- Smriti Mandhana was deservedly adjudged the Player of the Match for her sublime knock that anchored RCB's historic chase in the WPL 2026 final.
- Walking in after an early setback, the RCB skipper played with a perfect blend of composure and aggression, smashing 87 off just 41 balls, laced with 12 fours and three sixes.

Individual Awards

- Orange Cap (Most Runs): Smriti Mandhana – ₹5 Lakh
- Purple Cap (Most Wickets): Sophie Devine – ₹5 Lakh
- Most Valuable Player (MVP): Sophie Devine – ₹5 Lakh
- Emerging Player: Nandini Sharma – ₹5 Lakh

Women's Premier League

- The first edition of the Indian Women's Premier League (WPL) was held in March 2023.
- The WPL is a women's Twenty20 cricket franchise league in India.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) owns and operates the WPL.
- The WPL was created to promote women's cricket in India and give talented players a chance to show off their skills.
- Across the first four seasons of the Women's Premier League, only two teams have won the title.
- The two title-winning teams are Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bengaluru, showing a strong rivalry at the top.
- Mumbai Indians won the WPL titles in 2023 and 2025.
- Royal Challengers Bengaluru won the WPL titles in 2024 and 2026.
- Delhi Capitals finished as runner-up in all four seasons (2023–2026).

Indian educator Rouble Nagi has won the Global Teacher Prize 2026

- Indian educator Rouble Nagi has won the Global Teacher Prize 2026 at the World Government Summit in Dubai.
- She received a \$1 million prize, making it one of the most valuable awards in education globally.
- The award was presented by GEMS Education and handed over by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum during the summit.
- Rouble Nagi, an Indian educator, artist, and social reformer, strongly believes that learning should be accessible to children within their own communities.
- Through the Rouble Nagi Art Foundation, she has set up over 800 learning centres across various parts of India.
- These centres cater to children who have never been to school as well as those who are already part of the formal education system.
- By blending fundamental education with creative methods, she has made learning inclusive, engaging, and effective for children from the most underserved sections of society.
- One of Rouble Nagi's most unique initiatives is transforming the walls of slums and public areas into educational spaces through painted learning murals.
- These murals visually convey lessons in reading, mathematics, science, and history in a way that is easy to understand and connect with.
- For children living in informal settlements, the walls become learning tools.



- This approach breaks the barrier of classrooms and textbooks, proving that education can happen anywhere when methods are simple and inclusive.
- Accepting the award, Rouble Nagi recalled starting her work 24 years ago with just 30 children in a small workshop.
- Over time, her efforts expanded across cities and communities, reaching more than one million children.
- She described the achievement as humbling and said her lifelong dream has been to see every child in school.
- Each step, she noted, motivated her to do more for children who are often invisible to formal systems.
- Rouble Nagi plans to use the \$1 million prize money to build an institute that will provide free vocational training.
- This next step aims to equip young people with skills for employment and self-reliance.
- The Global Teacher Prize was launched in 2015 to recognize outstanding teachers worldwide.
- It is awarded annually and is often called the “Nobel Prize for Teaching”.

NCDC Implements Yuva Sahakar and Swayamshakti Sahakar Schemes to Strengthen Cooperative Sector

Yuva Sahakar Scheme



- The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is implementing Yuva Sahakar Scheme and Swayamshakti Sahakar Yojana to strengthen India's cooperative sector.
- Both schemes are fully funded by NCDC, a statutory body functioning under the Ministry of Cooperation.
- The initiatives support the Government of India's vision of cooperative-led growth, employment generation, and inclusive development.
- NCDC provides financial assistance, institutional support, and capacity building to cooperatives across sectors such as agriculture, dairy, fisheries, handloom, cottage industries, and services.
- The Ministry of Cooperation has renewed focus on cooperatives as tools for grassroots development and financial inclusion.

Yuva Sahakar Scheme

- Yuva Sahakar Scheme aims to promote youth-led and newly formed cooperative societies.
- The scheme encourages innovation, startup-oriented ideas, and sustainable business models within the cooperative framework.
- Financial support under Yuva Sahakar helps young cooperatives overcome initial capital constraints and become self-reliant.

Swayamshakti Sahakar Yojana

- Swayamshakti Sahakar Yojana focuses on women's empowerment and livelihood creation through cooperatives.
- The scheme supports women Self Help Groups (SHGs) by improving access to affordable bank credit.
- It promotes collective income-generating activities and women-led cooperative enterprises.
- Both schemes emphasize collective ownership, shared growth, and long-term sustainability.
- Together, they address key priorities of youth entrepreneurship, women empowerment, and inclusive economic development.

World Government Summit 2026 Opens in Dubai



- The World Government Summit 2026 began in Dubai with the theme “Shaping Future Governments.”
- The summit focuses on how innovation, sustainability, and technology are transforming public policy worldwide.
- Its objective is to strengthen governance systems and promote international cooperation amid global challenges.
- The event is being held in Dubai and continues until February 5.
- It includes over 445 sessions featuring more than 450 global speakers.
- Participants include presidents, prime ministers, ministers, policymakers, and business leaders.
- Key discussions cover the future of government work, leadership, public finance, investment flows, and emerging technologies.
- IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva addressed the summit on global economic conditions.
- She highlighted the unexpected resilience of the global economy despite geopolitical tensions and trade uncertainty.
- Changes in U.S. trade and foreign policy were cited as contributing to a more multipolar global economic structure.
- The IMF has upgraded its global growth outlook, including for the UAE and Gulf economies.

- This improvement is linked to private sector adaptability and limited trade disruptions.
- Artificial intelligence-driven productivity gains were identified as a major source of economic optimism.
- On tariffs, Georgieva noted that global trade adjusted instead of collapsing.
- Although initial tariff proposals exceeded 20 percent, negotiations reduced effective tariff collections to around 9 percent.

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Bhutan Queen Mother Honoured with 22nd Upendra Nath Brahma ‘Soldier of Humanity’ Award 2025



Queen Mother of Bhutan selected for 22nd Upendra Nath Brahma Soldier of Humanity award

- Gyalyum Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, Queen Mother of Bhutan, was honoured with the 22nd Upendra Nath Brahma ‘Soldier of Humanity’ Award 2025
- The award ceremony was held in February 2026 at Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam.
- The event was attended by Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Governor of Assam.
- The honour recognises her lifelong humanitarian service and compassionate leadership.
- The Upendra Nath Brahma ‘Soldier of Humanity’ Award was instituted in 2004 by the Upendra Nath Brahma Trust.
- The award is named after Upendra Nath Brahma (Bodofa), a respected Bodo leader and social reformer.

- It upholds values such as sacrifice, courage, social justice, peace, and service to humanity.
- The award is given to individuals making outstanding contributions to human welfare and inclusive development.
- The ceremony location, Kokrajhar, holds special significance due to its close association with Bodofa's legacy.
- During the event, the Assam Governor highlighted the relevance of Bodofa's philosophy in modern society.
- He also mentioned the Assam Government's decision to observe 31 March as Chatra Divas (Students' Day).
- Chatra Divas commemorates Bodofa Upendra Nath Brahma's contributions and inspires youth toward service and leadership.
- The award package included a citation and a memento of Bodofa Upendra Nath Brahma.
- It also featured traditional Bodo honours, including Aronai, Dokhna, Gwmgra, and Endi Sadar.
- The recipient was awarded a cash prize of ₹2 lakh.

RBI Approves Vinay Muralidhar Tonse as MD & CEO of YES Bank

- On February 3, 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of **Vinay Muralidhar Tonse** as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of YES Bank for a term of three years.
- His appointment is further subject to Shareholder approval. He will succeed **Prashant Kumar**, whose tenure is scheduled to end in April 2026.
- He is a banker with over three decades of experience in Indian and international banking.
- He has worked across multiple business lines and held senior leadership roles in banks such as State Bank of India (SBI).
- In 1988, he joined SBI as a Probationary Officer (PO) and spent over 30 years rising through banks.
- He worked as Deputy MD at SBI and looked after the Corporate Accounts Group (CAG), managing relationships and credit facilities for large corporate clients.
- He served as MD & CEO of SBI Funds Management Limited (SBI Mutual Fund), the asset management arm of SBI.
- He also served as the Managing Director (MD) (Retail Business & Operations) until 30 November 2025.
- YES Bank was founded in 2003 by Rana Kapoor and Ashok Kapur. The bank received its banking licence from RBI in May 2004. YES Bank is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.



India to Host Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2027 in New Delhi

- On February 3, 2026, India secured the hosting rights for the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2027 following a successful bid by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).
- It marks the second consecutive time India will host the premier continental championship for rifle and pistol shooters.
- The championship is scheduled to take place from 1 to 10 December 2027 at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges in New Delhi, Delhi.
- The 2027 edition of the championship will serve as a qualifying event for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics (the United States of America, USA), with eight Olympic quota places available for shooters from across Asia.
- Eight Olympic quota places are continental slots that enable countries to earn spots for the Olympics.
- India is also scheduled to host the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) in New Delhi in April 2027, where 12 Olympic quota places for the Los Angeles 2028 Games will be available to shooters.



World Interfaith Harmony Week 2026 – February 1-7

- The United Nations (UN) observes World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) every year during the first week of February (1–7).
- The observance aims to promote peace, tolerance, and non-violence among people of all religions and faiths.
- World Interfaith Harmony Week 2026 is observed from 1 to 7 February 2026.
- WIHW is rooted in the ‘A Common Word’ initiative launched in 2007.
- WIHW was first proposed by H.M. King Abdullah II and HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad of Jordan.
- The proposal was presented during the 65th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 23 September 2010.
- On 20 October 2010, the UN officially designated the first week of February as World Interfaith Harmony Week.
- The resolution aims to promote peace, nonviolence, and interfaith understanding worldwide.
- The first World Interfaith Harmony Week was observed from 1 to 7 February 2011.



Made-in-India Humanoid Robot Debuts at LogiMAT 2026



- Addverb, an Indian robotics company, launched Elixis-W at LogiMAT India 2026.
- Elixis-W is a Made-in-India wheeled humanoid robot developed for logistics and warehouse operations.
- The launch reflects India's advancement in robotics, automation, and smart manufacturing.
- It highlights the country's transition towards Industry 4.0-based industrial systems.
- Elixis-W is among India's first indigenous wheeled humanoid robots designed specifically for logistics use cases.
- The robot was unveiled at LogiMAT India 2026, a major exhibition for logistics, warehousing, and supply-chain technologies.
- Elixis-W combines human-like upper-body movements with a mobile wheeled base.
- This hybrid design enables efficient movement across warehouse floors.
- It can perform tasks such as material handling, picking, placing, and internal transportation.
- Unlike stationary robotic arms, Elixis-W can operate across multiple locations within a single facility.

- The robot is designed to work alongside human workers, reducing physical strain.
- It improves productivity in repetitive and labour-intensive operations.
- Wheeled humanoid robots offer greater stability and energy efficiency compared to legged humanoids in industrial settings.
- Elixis-W can be deployed in existing warehouse layouts without major infrastructure changes.
- The robot helps reduce dependence on manual labour while enhancing accuracy, consistency, and workplace safety.
- For India's expanding logistics sector, such technology can significantly boost operational efficiency.
- Elixis-W is fully designed and developed in India, strengthening domestic innovation capabilities.
- Indigenous development reduces reliance on imported automation technologies.
- The project builds local expertise in AI, mechatronics, and industrial software.
- The launch supports national initiatives such as Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- It positions Indian robotics firms to compete in global automation and Industry 4.0 markets.

Yumnam Khemchand Singh Sworn in as Manipur CM after One Year of President's Rule

- On 4 February 2026, Yumnam Khemchand Singh, BJP's Manipur Legislative Party leader, took oath as the Chief Minister of Manipur.
- He assumed office nearly one year after the imposition of President's Rule in the state.
- Nemcha Kipgen (BJP), belonging to the Kuki community, took oath as Deputy Chief Minister.
- Losii Dikho, MLA from the Naga People's Front (NPF) and from the Naga community, was also sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister.
- Nemcha Kipgen became the first woman to hold the post of Deputy Chief Minister in Manipur.

President Rule:

- President's Rule was imposed on 13 February 2025, five days after the resignation of N. Biren Singh.
- The President's Rule was enforced due to the breakdown of constitutional machinery in the state.
- It was imposed under Article 356 of the Constitution of India.

