

The week from 28 July 2025 to 02 Aug 2025

Divya Deshmukh created history by becoming the first Indian woman to win the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup 2025, defeating veteran Koneru Humpy in the final held in Batumi, Georgia. She became India's 88th Grandmaster and marked a generational shift in Indian chess.

A new human blood group—Cromer India Bengaluru (CRIB)—has been discovered at the Rotary Bangalore TTK Blood Centre. It is the first of its kind globally, officially recognised by the International Blood Group Reference Laboratory (IBGRL), UK. It is a new antigen identified within the Cromer (CR) blood group system, not previously observed in any human sample worldwide.

India successfully launched the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite aboard GSLV-F16 from Sriharikota on July 31, 2025. It marks the first joint Earth-observation mission between ISRO and NASA, symbolizing deep Indo-US space collaboration

Lord Meghnad Desai, a globally respected Indian-origin economist, prolific author, and member of the United Kingdom's House of Lords, passed away at the age of 85. Desai was widely recognized for his scholarly work in Marxian economic theory. He was also a recipient of India's third-highest civilian honor, underlining his contributions to economics and public policy.

On the opening day of the fifth Test against England, Shubman Gill set a new benchmark by becoming the Indian captain with the highest number of runs in a single Test series. He surpassed the legendary Sunil Gavaskar's tally of 732 runs, scored during the six-match home series against the West Indies in 1978-79.

The Indian Army launched Operation Shiv Shakti in the Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir. The operation successfully eliminated two terrorists attempting infiltration across the Line of Control (LoC). This came shortly after Operation Mahadev neutralised three terrorists involved in the deadly April 22 Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians.

U.S. President announced a 25% tariff on Indian imports effective August 1, 2025, citing high trade barriers and India's continued energy and defence ties with Russia. The objective was to pressurise India into reducing its tariffs dissuade from continuing energy imports from Russia amid Ukraine war sanctions

The 71st National Film Awards recognised outstanding Indian cinematic achievements. Shah Rukh Khan and Vikrant Massey shared Best Actor for Jawan and 12th Fail, respectively. Rani Mukerji won Best Actress for Mrs Chatterjee vs. Norway. The awards celebrated a diverse range of films and talent from across India's regional cinema landscape.

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