

The week from 25 May 2026 to 31 May 2026

RCB won the IPL title, becoming the third team to win it in consecutive years. They beat Gujarat Titans in a one-sided finale at Ahmedabad. 15-year-old sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi (RR) won the Orange Cap with 765 runs, while Kagiso Rabada (GT) with 29 wickets won the Purple Cap. Suryavanshi also won the awards for MVP, Emerging Player of the Season, Super Striker of the Season, and Super Sixes of the Season.

Sikkim was declared a fully literate state on 27 May 2026 under the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram after achieving a 99.82% literacy rate. Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang announced the milestone in the presence of President Droupadi Murmu, with over 14,000 adults becoming literate through the support of 4,000 volunteers.

Gurindervir Singh became India's fastest-ever sprinter after clocking 10.09 seconds in the men's 100m final at the Federation Cup in Ranchi. The feat made him the first Indian to breach the 10.10-second barrier, surpassing the briefly held national mark of 10.15 seconds by Animesh Kujur.

A UNESCO survey has recognised the wall of Kumbhalgarh Fort as the world's second-longest continuous intact wall after China's Great Wall. Built by Rana Kumbha in the 15th century, the 36 km fortification showcases remarkable Rajput military engineering and forms part of the UNESCO-listed Hill Forts of Rajasthan.

Lionel Messi has become the second footballer, after Cristiano Ronaldo, to surpass a \$1 billion net worth, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Built through massive salaries at Barcelona, PSG, and Inter Miami, along with endorsements and investments, the milestone cements Messi's status as both a sporting legend and a global commercial icon.

The Indian Space Research Organisation received the prestigious AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award for the Chandrayaan-3 mission, recognising India's historic achievement as the first nation to soft-land near the Moon's south pole in August 2023. India's Ambassador to the US, Vinay Kwatra, accepted the honour in Washington DC on behalf of ISRO.

The Indian Army has introduced two advanced digital platforms — Kautilya and Q-FORCE — to modernise battlefield intelligence and logistics management. Kautilya uses AI and natural language processing for rapid data analysis, while Q-FORCE streamlines inventory and supply chains, supporting the Army's transition towards fully AI-integrated, network-centric warfare operations.

NASA has announced three new Moon missions following a successful lunar fly-around, alongside a \$20 billion initiative to establish a permanent lunar base. Revealed by Administrator Jared Isaacman, the plan includes rovers, drones, and scientific experiments aimed at enabling long-term human habitation and operations on the Moon.



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