

# Volleyball tournament held at GHSS Kharra Madana

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**SAMBA:** Samba Police has organized a volleyball tournament under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) 2025-2026 at Govt. Higher Secondary School Kharra Madana under the jurisdiction of Police Station Purmandal. The event saw enthusiastic participation from five teams across the district and attracted a large number of local spectators.

The final match was played between team village Kharra and team village Madana. The team village Madana emerged as the winner of the tournament



after defeating its opponent in an exciting contest. The winning and runner-up

teams were awarded trophies by the Samba Police. SHO Police Station Pur-

mandal and other Police officers/officials were present on the occasion.

## Gurjant Singh announces retirement

**NEW DELHI:** Two-time Olympic bronze medalist, Gurjant Singh announced his retirement from international hockey at the Hockey India Awards in New Delhi on Friday. The 31-year-old striker registered 130 senior international caps and scored 33 goals, and also scored the opening goal in the 2016 Junior World Cup-winning team's final against Belgium in Lucknow. He was part of the medal-winning teams at both Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.

The forward, known for scoring and/or assisting during crucial moments, scored India's fastest ever goal, after just 13 seconds, during the 5-2 win over the Netherlands at the FIH Pro League in January 2020. But he was already a well-known goalscorer by then. He started playing after watching his elder brother, who played at the national level. He's got family on the Olympic team as well, and he paired up well with his

cousin Simranjeet to assist India's equalising third goal against Germany. He had also scored the second goal at the 2016 Junior World Cup – a powerful tomahawk (reverse stick) drive. It earned him the nickname "Mr Backhand" from German stalwart Florian Fuchs.

Born in Khailara, Amritsar, Gurjant rose through the junior ranks quickly, catching the eye with his pace and sharp instincts. He played a central role in the Junior World Cup triumph in Lucknow in 2016. After scoring in the final to secure gold, he made his senior international debut in 2017 and became a mainstay in the Indian attacking line. In 2021, he was honoured with the Arjuna Award. Announcing his retirement, Gurjant Singh said, "It is with a mix of pride and deep emotion that I announce my retirement today. I started my hockey journey by looking up to the seniors sitting in this room, and to have fulfilled my dream of

playing for India alongside them is something I will always treasure."

"I feel incredibly satisfied to have been part of the historical revival of Indian hockey and to have achieved two Olympic medals. Beyond the trophies, the biggest memory I take with me is the time spent with my teammates. We lived like a family, supporting each other through all the ups and downs. I want to thank Hockey India for giving me such a respectful farewell. I leave the international stage a very happy and proud man."

Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey said, "Gurjant Singh has been a vital part of India's hockey story for nearly a decade.

His pace, his energy, and his ability to score in big moments made him a player opponents always feared. He represented his country with great pride, and we thank him for everything he has given to Indian hockey."

## Argentina manager Scaloni on Messi's availability for FIFA World Cup

**NEW DELHI:** With the FIFA World Cup just over two months away, uncertainty surrounds whether football legend Lionel Messi will feature in Argentina's title defence, with the manager Lionel Scaloni stating that the decision will depend on the veteran's attitude and physical condition heading into the tournament. Messi participated in Argentina's home pre-World Cup friendly against Mauritania but failed to score after coming off the bench, though his team still secured a 2-1 victory. Argentina will be competing in the FIFA World Cup from Jun 11 to Jul 19, but Messi's participation remains the biggest uncertainty for the squad.

On being asked about Messi's participation in the WC, Argentina manager Lionel Scaloni said during a presser, as quoted by Goal.com, "That is more of a question for him". The 47-year-old also said that he would be doing everything possible to "make sure he is there." "I believe, for the sake of football, he must be there. It is not for me to decide. It is up to him, his attitude and his physical condition," he added.

The manager continued that not only the Argentina fans, but the entire football world wants to see him play the tournament. However, Messi has "earned the right to make his decision in peace." "We are in no hurry. We know that whatever he decides, it will be the best for the team and for him," he said. Lionel Messi is Argentina's most successful footballer in terms of records, with 115 goals in 196 matches.

# Tiger Woods arrest: Golf legend jailed on suspicion of DUI after rollover car crash in Florida

**FLORIDA:** Only days into his return to professional golf, PGA Tour legend Tiger Woods was arrested on Friday for driving under the influence (DUI) after surviving a rollover car crash near his home in Florida.

Woods, according to authorities, displayed signs of "impairment" after his arrest. The Martin County police soon released a mugshot of the 50-year-old Woods on Friday evening. His eyes appearing bloodshot, Woods was taken to the Martin County jail in Florida. Authorities ruled out the influence of alcohol, though Woods refused a urinalysis.

Woods was charged with a DUI with property damage and refusal to submit to a lawful test.

Martin County Sheriff John Budensiek told reporters that Woods was moving at "a high rate of



speed" before suffering a collision with another car. Woods' vehicle then rolled over onto the driver's side. According to reports, neither party suffered any injuries.

"DUI investigators came to the scene here, and Mr. Woods did exemplify signs of impairment. They did several tests on him. Of course, he did explain the injuries and the surgeries

that he had. We did take that into account, but they did do some in-depth roadside tests," Budensiek added.

"We really weren't suspicious of alcohol being involved in this case, and that proved to be true at the jail. ... But when it came time for us to ask for a urinalysis test, he refused. And, so, he's been charged with DUI, with property damage and

refusal to submit to a lawful test."

This was at least the third time Woods has been involved in a car crash, most recently in February 2021 when his SUV ran off a coastal road in Los Angeles at a high rate of speed, leading to multiple leg and ankle injuries. Woods said later doctors considered amputation.

Woods has played 11 tournaments since that 2021 crash, not finishing closer than within 16 shots of the winner the four times he finished 72 holes. He also was arrested on a DUI charge in 2017 when south Florida police found him asleep behind the wheel of his car that was parked awkwardly with damage to the driver's side. Woods said he had taken a bad mix of painkillers. He later pleaded guilty to reckless driving.

# Mitchell Starc recovering from a shoulder and elbow injury

**NEW DELHI:** Australia fast bowler Mitchell Starc has confirmed he is recovering from a shoulder and elbow injury and hopes to be available for Delhi Capitals (DC) "asap" in IPL 2026. On Saturday, Starc took to social media to respond to "heavily misinformed opinions" about his unavailability.

"Despite the opinions and views of certain individuals with their platforms in and through the Indian media, I'm currently rehabbing and managing an injury in my shoulder and elbow of which I didn't know the extent of during the Aus-

tralian summer. These individuals have made some strong statements around involvement in the IPL and provided heavily misinformed opinions of players, preached them as facts, and claim to know my body better than me. "With that said I do acknowledge this injury setback and timing is disruptive to the Delhi team and I apologise for that and to the fans for not being available for the early part of this season. I remain committed to join DC, are in continual communication updating the team, and will continue to do what I can to be available for DC

asap." After finishing fifth last season, DC begin their IPL 2026 campaign with an away fixture against Lucknow Super Giants on April 1. In Starc's absence, their other overseas fast-bowling options are Kyle Jamieson, Lungi Ngidi and Dushmantha Chameera. How they fill the void left by Starc, who took 14 wickets in 11 games last season, remains to be seen. Starc was retained for INR 11.75 crore by DC before the 2026 auction. He was Australia's spearhead in the 2025-26 Ashes, playing all five Tests and winning the Player-of-the-Series award after a 4-1 win.

His last appearance was for Sydney Sixers in the BBL on January 25.

Cricket Australia is monitoring the workload of their fast bowlers closely ahead of a busy international season following the IPL. They are scheduled to play 21 Tests from August 2026 to July 2027, including four Tests in four weeks against New Zealand in December-January. Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins are also missing the first few games for Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Sunrisers Hyderabad respectively, though unlike Starc they have joined their IPL squads.

## New Zealand to tour Bangladesh in April for ODIs and T20Is

**DHAKA:** New Zealand will tour Bangladesh for six white-ball matches in April and May, though it is expected that they will send a depleted squad with several of their players at the PSL and IPL.

The BCB had also issued partial NOCs to six Bangladesh cricketers who are playing in the PSL this season. Mustafizur Rahman, Shoriful Islam, Nahid Rana, Tanzid Hasan, Rishad Hossain and Parvez Hossain Emon are going to miss the team's preparatory camp in Dhaka, but

they will be back in phases when they are picked for the ODI and T20Is against New Zealand. New Zealand will arrive in Dhaka on April 13 and play the first two ODIs at the Shere Bangla National Stadium on April 17 and 20. The teams will travel to Chattogram to play the third ODI on April 23.

There are likely to be thunderstorms during this time of the year in Dhaka and Chattogram. New Zealand had won their previous ODI series in Bangladesh in 2023, while the two teams drew the

return series in New Zealand later in the same year.

Following the conclusion of the ODI series, the teams will play a T20I series, starting with two matches on April 27 and 29 in Chattogram. They will return to Dhaka to play the last T20I on May 2.

They last played a bilateral T20I series in 2021, when Bangladesh won the 5-match series by a 3-2 margin. New Zealand last played in Bangladesh in 2023, when they played three ODIs and two Tests.

# Automating complex finance workflows with multimodal AI

Finance leaders are automating their complex workflows by actively adopting powerful new multimodal AI frameworks.

Extracting text from unstructured documents presents a frequent headache for developers. Historically, standard optical character recognition systems failed to accurately digitise complex layouts, frequently converting multi-column files, pictures, and layered datasets into an unreadable mess of plain text.

The varied input processing abilities of large language models allow for reliable document understanding. Platforms such as LlamaParse connect older text recognition methods with vision-based parsing.

Specialised tools aid language models by adding initial data preparation and tailored reading commands, helping structure complex elements such as large tables. Within standard testing environments, this approach demonstrates roughly a 13-15 percent improvement compared to processing raw documents directly.

Brokerage statements represent a tough file reading test. These records contain dense financial jargon, complex nested tables, and dynamic layouts. To clarify fiscal standing for clients, financial

institutions require a workflow that reads the document, extracts the tables, and explains the data through a language model, demonstrating AI driving risk mitigation and operational efficiency in finance.

Given these advanced reasoning and varied input needs, Gemini 3.1 Pro is arguably the most effective underlying model currently available. The platform pairs a massive context window with native spatial layout comprehension. Merging varied input analysis with targeted data intake ensures applications receive structured context rather than flattened text.

Successful implementation requires specific architectural choices to balance accuracy and cost. The workflow operates in four stages: submitting a PDF to the engine, parsing the document to emit an event, running text and table extraction concurrently to minimise latency, and generating a human-readable summary.

Utilising a two-modal architecture acts as a deliberate design choice; where Gemini 3.1 Pro manages complex layout comprehension, and Gemini 3 Flash handles the final summarisation.

Because both extraction steps listen for the same event, they run concurrently. This cuts over-



all pipeline latency and makes the architecture naturally scalable as teams add more extraction tasks. Designing an architecture around event-driven statefulness allows engineers to build systems that are fast and resilient.

Integrating these solutions involves aligning with ecosystems like LlamaCloud and Google's GenAI SDK to establish connections.

However, processing pipelines rely entirely on the data fed into them.

Of course, anyone overseeing AI deployments for workflows as sensitive as finance must maintain governance protocols. Models occasionally generate errors and should not be relied upon for professional advice. Operators must double-check outputs before relying on them in production.

## First new dinosaur species found in Korea in 15 years surprises scientists

In South Korea, a mischievous green cartoon dinosaur named Dooly, known for the two small tufts of hair on his head, is one of the most beloved cartoon characters.

When researchers from the University of Texas at Austin and the Korean Dinosaur Research Center uncovered a new juvenile dinosaur species on Aphae Island, they chose a fitting name: Doolysaurus.

"Dooly is one of the very famous, iconic dinosaur characters in Korea. Every generation in Korea knows this character," said Jongyun Jung, a visiting postdoctoral researcher at UT's Jackson School of Geosciences who led the research. "And our specimen is also a juvenile, or 'baby,' so it's perfect for our dinosaur species name to honor Dooly."

This find marks the first new dinosaur species identified in South Korea in 15 years and the first fossil from the country to include parts of a skull. Those skull elements were revealed through a scientific micro-CT scan at the University of Texas High-Resolution X-ray Computed Tomography (UTCT) facility.

"When we first found the specimen, we saw some leg

bones preserved and some vertebrae," Jung said. "We didn't expect skull parts and so many more bones. There was a fair amount of excitement when we saw what was hidden inside the block."

The research describing Doolysaurus huhmini was published in the journal Fossil Record on March 19. The species name huhmini honors Korean paleontologist Min Huh, who has spent more than 30 years studying dinosaurs in Korea, founded the dinosaur research center, and worked with UNESCO to protect fossil sites. The fossil itself was discovered in 2023 by co-author Hyemin Jo.

The specimen is estimated to have been about two years old at the time of death and still growing. It was roughly the size of a turkey, while adults may have reached about twice that size. Researchers believe it may have been covered in fine, fuzzy filaments.

"I think it would have been pretty cute," said study co-author Julia Clarke, a professor at the Jackson School. "It might have looked a bit like a little lamb."

Much of the fossil remains embedded in hard rock, a process that can take nearly a decade to re-

move by hand. However, micro-CT scanning allowed scientists to visualize the entire fossil in just a few months. Jung, Clarke, and their colleagues then spent over a year studying its anatomy. Clarke noted that CT scanning has become essential for examining delicate fossils, including birds and small non-avian dinosaurs preserved in dense rock.

Doolysaurus lived about 113-94 million years ago during the mid-Cretaceous period. Based on its skeletal features, researchers classified it as a thescaosaurid, a group of bipedal dinosaurs found in East Asia and North America that may have had fuzzy coverings. Growth markers in a thin slice of femur bone confirmed that the specimen was a juvenile.

The fossil also contained dozens of gastroliths, small stones swallowed to aid digestion. These suggest the dinosaur ate a varied diet that included plants, insects, and small animals. Their presence also prompted researchers to investigate further. Because gastroliths are lightweight and easily displaced, their intact arrangement hinted that more of the skeleton might still be preserved inside the rock.