

Tim White to coach Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team

NEW DELHI: Hockey India today officially announced the appointment of Tim White as the Coach of the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team. The Australian high-performance coach, who recently served as the Head Coach of the Accord Tamil Nadu Dragons in the Hero Hockey India League (Hero HIL) in January 2026, takes over the role with a clear focus on developing the next generation of international stars.



Tim White's distinguished coaching career includes recent success in Belgium and past experience with Australia. Prior to his arrival in India, White served as the Coach for the Belgium Under-21 Women's Team, guiding them to a Bronze Medal at the 2025 Junior World Cup in December. Between 2021 and 2024, he was also an integral part of the Belgium Women's National Team coaching staff, during which time the team significantly improved its world ranking from #12 to #3, notably achieving a semi-final finish at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

Earlier in his career, he held the position of Na-

tional Junior Coach for Australia, where he also secured a Bronze Medal at the Junior World Cup. Commenting on his appointment, Tim White said, "Having recently spent time in India as the coach of the Tamil Nadu Dragons, I was drawn back by the country's incredible passion and rich hockey culture. I have seen the immense young talent here while coaching against India at Junior World Cups, and the chance to work in a full-time program with such motivated athletes is a privilege. My goal is to produce technically sound players who are ready to bridge the gap and push for spots in the senior team."

On his vision for the squad, White added, "I want to keep the game simple and focus on our collective and individual strengths. We will aim to be a team that values attacking hockey but remains exceptionally disciplined in our defensive structures. It is vital that we work hard physically to ensure we perform at a high level for the full 60 minutes. By mastering core skills under pressure and playing 'team-first' hockey, we will be well-prepared for any international challenge."

White's appointment is seen as a strategic step to integrate modern tactical discipline into India's junior ranks. His background includes serving as the National Junior Coach for Hockey Australia and overseeing high-performance pathways in Europe. Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey welcomed the appointment, stating, "We are delighted to bring Tim White on board. His proven track record with the Belgian and Australian junior programs speaks for itself, particularly his success in leading teams to podium finishes at the Junior World Cups. We believe his vast experience in high-performance coaching and athlete development will be crucial in preparing our junior women for the challenges of senior international hockey."

Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh added, "Tim's appointment aligns with our goal of providing our junior teams with world-class coaching. The transition from junior to senior hockey is a critical phase, and we are confident that under Tim's guidance, our young athletes will develop the technical and tactical maturity required to excel at the highest level."



LG's Diary



- Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today felicitated International Para-Archer Payal Nag, at Lok Bhavan.
- A delegation led by Gaurav Gupta, BJP Spokesperson today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and thanked him for the remarkable transformation of the Tawi riverfront.
- The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy, led by its Chairman Shrirang Appa Barne called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday.
- Rahul Sahai, Chairman Indian Chamber of Commerce Jammu J&K, Called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Lok Bhawan Jammu.
- S. Chandeeep Singh, International Para Athlete called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. LG congratulated Chandeeep Singh for bringing laurels to J&K by winning Gold at the 4th National Para Taekwondo Championship.
- Rajinder Premi, social activist and son of freedom fighter, social reformer and litterateur Shri Sarwanand Kaul Premi called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today and projected various welfare issues of Kashmiri Pandit community.
- A public delegation from Samba led by Yash Paul Kundal, former Minister called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, today.

CM's Diary



#Highlights - Chief Minister inaugurated Imam Al-Asr Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmiri (RA) Community Centre at Umerhair, Srinagar.



Chief Minister has expressed profound grief over the tragic loss of lives from Thanamandi and Surankote in a road accident in Kuwait. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and assured that all necessary measures are being taken, in close coordination with the concerned authorities, to ensure the early repatriation of their mortal remains.

SAF rowers win bronze at national championship

JAMSHEDPUR: The Tata Steel Adventure Foundation (TSAF) Rowing Academy continued its performance at the National Indoor Rowing Championship 2026, with two athletes winning bronze medals in Cuttack. Sukhral Tudu secured bronze in the U-23 lightweight men's individual category, while Sulekha Murmu won bronze in the lightweight women's individual category, officials said.

Badminton Asia Championships 2026: Ayush Shetty storm into semi-finals

NEW DELHI: India's Ayush Shetty stormed into the semi-finals of the Badminton Asia Championships 2026 after pulling off an upset against world No. 4 Jonatan Christie in Ningbo, the People's Republic of China, on Friday.

With a place in the last four, Ayush Shetty became the first Indian men's singles badminton player since HS Prannoy in 2018 to secure a medal at the continental meet.

It will also be India's first medal at the Badminton Asia Championships since Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy's men's doubles gold in 2023.

Ayush Shetty, 25th in the men's singles badminton rankings, registered a 23-21, 21-17 win over Olympian and third seed Jonatan Christie of Indonesia in the quarter-finals.

The opener was fiercely contested with neither player able to break clear as Jonatan Christie, a former Asian champion, edged into the mid-game interval with a narrow 11-10 lead.

Jonatan Christie appeared poised to take control after stretching his advantage to 18-15 and even earned a game point before

Ayush Shetty produced a fightback and forced the contest into a tie-break en route to clinching the opener.

The second game was equally hard-fought with Ayush Shetty carrying a slender 11-9 advantage into the interval before tightening his grip on the contest and closing it out to book his place in the semi-finals.

This was the first win for Ayush Shetty against Jonatan Christie in the maiden encounter between the two.

Earlier in the tournament, Ayush Shetty had stunned world No. 7 and reigning Asian Games champion Li Shi Feng in the opening round, before beating Chi Yu Jen of Chinese Taipei to qualify for the quarter-finals.

In the semi-finals, Ayush Shetty will take on the winner of the match between Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand and Weng Hongyang, a member of China's Asian Games gold medal winning men's team.

Ayush Shetty is the only Indian badminton player left in the ongoing Asia Championships.

Two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu's campaign

Vishvanath Suresh wins gold as Indian men finish with six medals

NEW DELHI: Vishvanath Suresh won the 50kg title at the Asian Boxing Championships 2026 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on Friday, as Indian men concluded their campaign at the continental meet with a total of six medals - one gold, a silver and four bronze.

Vishvanath Suresh clinched gold after defeating Japan's Daichi Iwai 5-0 in the final. Earlier in the tournament, the Indian boxer got the better of reigning world champion and world No. 1 Sanzhar Tashkenbay of Kazakhstan.

Meanwhile, Sachin added silver to India's tally in the men's 60kg category.

Four other Indian boxers - Harsh Choudhary (90kg), Akash (75kg), Lokesh (85kg) and Narender (+90kg) - settled for bronze. The Indian boxing squad finished second on the table with five golds, one fewer than Kazakhstan.

However, they claimed the most medals across men's and women's categories with an overall tally of 16, which includes five gold, three silver and eight bronze.

WTC expansion: ICC to consider allowing one-Test series in next cycle

NEW DELHI: Cricket chiefs will consider allowing one-off Tests to be included in the next cycle of the World Test Championship (WTC), as they look at expanding the Test league to 12 teams. An ICC working group, led by the former New Zealand batter Roger Twose, is expected to present the recommendation to board heads at an ICC meeting later this month, or in early May.

Last year, Twose was appointed head of a working group and tasked with finding ways to enhance the game's competition structures, with cricket struggling to deal with scheduling issues caused by the three international formats and a growing ecosystem of franchise

leagues. In November, the group presented a two-division WTC model, but that was shot down by a number of Full Members.

The working group will now return to present an expanded 12-team WTC model, which will include Zimbabwe, Afghanistan and Ireland. Despite being Full Members, the three were not included in the WTC when it was launched in 2019. They do play Tests but opportunities against the nine WTC teams have been limited. The working group will also recommend allowing one-off Tests to count towards the points accrued over the league's two-year cycle. That, according to one official familiar with the discus-

sions, is a bid to make it more financially viable for bigger Full Members to host smaller ones, including these three teams. As things stand, a WTC series must have at least two Tests, which in some instances is viewed as a loss-making exercise for bigger boards.

The nine Full Members schedule their WTC commitments bilaterally, with three home and three away series over the course of two years. Including one-off Tests will allow Zimbabwe, Afghanistan and Ireland to fit into the league; Zimbabwe, for example, could schedule one-off Tests against teams on the way to South Africa for a tour. For England, in a home summer featur-

ing a five-Test series, a one-off Test would allow the possibility of hosting one of the three in a Test with points at stake.

Ultimately, according to one official, the board will have to consider two things: whether one-off Tests are acceptable as part of the WTC, and whether it is financially sustainable for the three non-WTC teams to commit to two years of more Test cricket.

The ICC has been trying to rearrange their last board meeting, which was postponed because of the crisis in West Asia. That meeting was due to be held in Doha, Qatar but was reduced to limited online interactions.

Novak Djokovic on what keeps him going at 38: 'That's a big part of the fun for me'

NEW DELHI: 2026 marks 23 years since Novak Djokovic turned pro, and over a career lasting more than two decades, the Serbian has won everything there is to win in tennis. Yet, just over a month before turning 39, he keeps going on and on in a bid to taste more success and add more silverware to a glittering trophy cabinet and build on his legacy in the sport.

The next gen, comprising the likes of Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz, has ar-

rived, and for Djokovic, the challenge is to compete and succeed against them.

"What keeps me going is first and foremost my love for the game. Tennis has been my life for so long, and I still enjoy every moment on the court. I love the competi-

tion, I love the challenge, and I still feel strong and capable of competing with the younger players - that's a big part of the fun for me," he told Esquire.

The Serbian joined an

elite list of athletes who have won all four slams and the Olympic gold medal when he clinched the yellow metal in Paris in 2024, beating Alcaraz in the final.

Djokovic said that winning the gold at the Paris Olympics was "one of the greatest moments of my career" and standing on the podium and hearing the national anthem was a feeling that would stay with him forever. "Olympic gold was a lifelong dream for me. I went

to four Olympic Games, and for a long time that medal was missing."

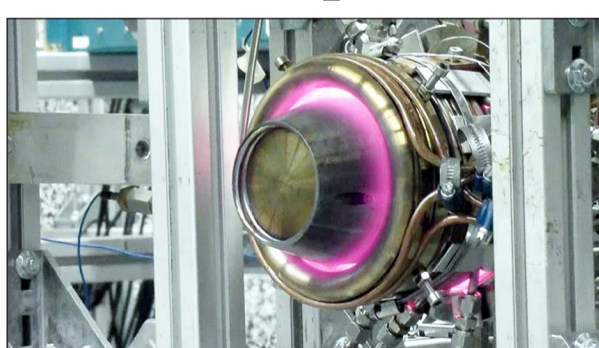
"To win in Paris, at 37, representing Serbia, is without question one of the greatest moments of my career. Standing there, singing the national anthem, holding the gold medal - it's a feeling that stays with you forever, not just in your memory but in your whole body. I've never experienced emotions like that on a tennis court before. The tears just came, natu-

rally. It was very pure, very powerful," Djokovic said. The gold medal win in Paris led many to believe that the Serbian had completed tennis, that he had won everything there is to win in sport. Djokovic, though, begs to differ.

"I don't feel like I've 'completed' tennis. My motivation to keep playing comes from my love for the game, from competition, and from challenging myself," he added.

Revolutionary gas turbine generates power without Air Compression

Earlier experiments with this system could only run for brief moments before the combustion chamber overheated and failed. Now, the team at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) has achieved a major milestone by extending the operation time to more than five minutes. "This is an important step toward highly efficient and flexible hydrogen energy for a fossil-free energy system," explains Professor Daniel Banuti, Director of the Institute of Thermal Energy Technology and Safety (ITES).



One of the key advantages of this design is that it eliminates the need to compress air before ignition. "A conventional gas turbine, such as those used in power plants or under aircraft wings, consumes about 50 percent of its power to compress air to the high pressure needed for efficient combustion—power that is then unavailable for electricity generation," Banuti explains.

The new turbine operates using pressure-gain combustion. Traditional gas

turbines rely on mechanical compressors that consume a large portion of their output. In contrast, this system creates the required pressure through detonation waves inside the combustion chamber.

These waves form from fluid-mechanical instabilities, where patterns of vortices and wave interactions naturally increase pressure without moving parts. This approach reduces energy losses, simplifies the system, and improves overall efficiency.

Although the system can operate with different fuels, hydrogen offers clear advantages. Its rapid reaction speed supports stable

pressure increases during combustion. This makes it particularly suitable for achieving high efficiency and could enable lighter, more affordable turbine designs for both electricity generation and, potentially, aviation applications.

Integrating a turbine with the combustion chamber to produce electricity introduces additional complexity. "This is extremely difficult because the very fast and intense combustion processes in the chamber make stable energy transfer to the turbine challenging. We are the first to successfully operate such a turbine and generate electricity in the process," says Banuti.

IBM: How robust AI governance protects enterprise margins

To protect enterprise margins, business leaders must invest in robust AI governance to securely manage AI infrastructure.

When evaluating enterprise software adoption, a recurring pattern dictates how technology matures across industries. As Rob Thomas, SVP and CCO at IBM, recently outlined, software typically graduates from a standalone product to a platform, and then from a platform to foundational infrastructure, altering the governing rules entirely.

At the initial product stage, exerting tight corporate control often feels highly advantageous. Closed development environments iterate quickly and tightly manage the end-user experience. They capture and concentrate financial value within a single corporate entity, an approach that functions adequately during early product development cycles.

However, IBM's analysis highlights that expectations change entirely when a technology solidifies into a foundational layer. Once other institutional frameworks, external markets, and broad operational systems rely on the software, the prevailing standards adapt to a new reality. At infrastructure scale, embracing openness ceases to be an ideological stance and becomes a highly practical necessity.

AI is currently crossing this threshold within the enterprise architecture stack. Models are increasingly

embedded directly into the ways organisations secure their networks, author source code, execute automated decisions, and generate commercial value. AI functions less as an experimental utility and more as core operational infrastructure.

The recent limited preview of Anthropic's Claude Mythos model brings this reality into sharper focus for enterprise executives managing risk. Anthropic reports that this specific model can discover and exploit software vulnerabilities at a level matching few human experts.

In response to this power, Anthropic launched Project Glasswing, a gated initiative designed to place these advanced capabilities directly into the hands of network defenders first. From IBM's perspective, this development forces technology officers to confront immediate structural vulnerabilities. If autonomous models possess the capability to write exploits and shape the overall security environment, Thomas notes that concentrating the understanding of these systems within a small number of technology vendors invites severe operational exposure.

With models achieving infrastructure status, IBM argues the primary issue is no longer exclusively what these machine learning applications can execute. The priority becomes how these systems are constructed, governed, inspected, and actively improved over extended periods.

As underlying frameworks grow in complexity and corporate importance, maintaining closed development pipelines becomes exceedingly difficult to defend. No single vendor can successfully anticipate every operational requirement, adversarial attack vector, or system failure mode.

Implementing opaque AI structures introduces heavy friction across existing network architecture. Connecting closed proprietary models with established enterprise vector databases or highly sensitive internal data lakes frequently creates massive troubleshooting bottlenecks. When anomalous outputs occur or hallucination rates spike, teams lack the internal visibility required to diagnose whether the error originated in the retrieval-augmented generation pipeline or the base model weights.

Integrating legacy on-premises architecture with highly gated cloud models also introduces severe latency into daily operations. When enterprise data governance protocols strictly prohibit sending sensitive customer information to external servers, technology teams are left attempting to strip and anonymise datasets before processing. This constant data sanitisation creates enormous operational drag.

Furthermore, the spiralling compute costs associated with continuous API calls to locked models erode the exact profit margins these auto-

nous systems are supposed to enhance. The opacity prevents network engineers from accurately sizing hardware deployments, forcing companies into expensive over-provisioning agreements to maintain baseline functionality.

Restricting access to powerful applications is an understandable human instinct that closely resembles caution. Yet, as Thomas points out, at massive infrastructure scale, security typically improves through rigorous external scrutiny rather than through strict concealment.

This represents the enduring lesson of open-source software development. Open-source code does not eliminate enterprise risk. Instead, IBM maintains it actively changes how organisations manage that risk. An open foundation allows a wider base of researchers, corporate developers, and security defenders to examine the architecture, surface underlying weaknesses, test foundational assumptions, and harden the software under real-world conditions.

Within cybersecurity operations, broad visibility is rarely the enemy of operational resilience. In fact, visibility frequently serves as a strict prerequisite for achieving that resilience. Technologies deemed highly important tend to remain safer when larger populations can challenge them, inspect their logic, and contribute to their continuous improvement.