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SPORTS

15 million apply for 2027 Cricket World Cup tickets

Massive global demand as 1,50,83,752 applications received: ICC



The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027 is witnessing an unprecedented demand for tickets, with 1,50,83,752 applications received so far, the International Cricket Council (ICC) said on Tuesday.

Fans from 142 countries have registered 44,23,417 ballot entries since the ticket ballot process began 12 days ago. The ICC said the demand has grown rapidly, increasing from 1 million applications last week to over 15 million in less than two weeks.

The ticket ballot registration will remain open until 11:59 PM on November 21, 2026, exactly one year before the World Cup final at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg.

CRICKET

Shubman Gill, Shafali Verma named ICC Players of the Month

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday announced the Players of the Month awards for September.

India's Test and ODI captain Shubman Gill won the men's award, while India's opener Shafali Verma bagged the women's award.

Gill earned the recognition for his outstanding performance in the ODI series against the West Indies, becoming the first Indian to win the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for a record fifth time, equalling West Indies women's captain Hayley Matthews' record.

The 27-year-old has previously won the award in January 2023, September 2023, February 2025 and July 2025.



Shubman Gill
ICC Men's Player of the Month



Shafali Verma
ICC Women's Player of the Month

BADMINTON

Tough draw for Indian shuttlers in Denmark Open

Indian shuttlers face a challenging draw at the prestigious Denmark Open Super 750 tournament, which begins on Tuesday.

In women's singles, Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu will take on world No. 1 An Se Young in the first round. Despite winning the Japan Open this year, Sindhu has struggled for form in recent tournaments, including the Asian Games and Arctic Open. She has lost all 10 previous matches against An Se Young.

In men's singles, Lakshya Sen will face third seed Chou Tien Chen of Taiwan in the opening round.



P.V. Sindhu



Lakshya Sen

ENTERTAINMENT

Sai Pallavi gives green signal for Prabhas's 'Kalki 2'

Popular actress Sai Pallavi has reportedly given her nod to star in the much-awaited sequel 'Kalki 2', featuring Prabhas in the lead role. The film, which created huge buzz with its first part, is expected to go on floors soon.



Prabhas



Sai Pallavi

WORLD

Hollywood actress creates ruckus on flight

Hollywood actress Selma Blair has landed in controversy after allegedly assaulting flight attendants on a Delta Air Lines flight from Los Angeles to New York. Reports said she physically attacked and even bit the crew members during the flight. After landing, she also allegedly assaulted a police officer and a hospital nurse. Two flight attendants sustained injuries in the incident.



Selma Blair