



Spain Crowned FIFA World Cup 2026 Champions



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Spain etched its name into football history once again by winning the FIFA World Cup 2026, defeating a formidable opponent in a thrilling final to lift the most prestigious trophy in world football. Sixteen years after their memorable triumph in South Africa in 2010, La Roja returned to the summit of international football with a performance that reflected resilience, tactical brilliance, and unwavering team spirit.

The FIFA World Cup 2026, jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico, witnessed one of the most competitive tournaments in the history of the sport. Featuring an expanded format with 48 participating nations, the championship delivered countless memorable moments, dramatic upsets, and spectacular goals. Amid fierce competition, Spain emerged as the most complete and consistent team, showcasing the qualities that have long defined the nation's footballing philosophy.

The grand finale attracted millions of viewers across the globe, with football fans eagerly anticipating a clash between two world-class sides. Spain entered the match with confidence after an impressive campaign that included victories over several top-ranked teams. Their journey to the final was built on disciplined defending, intelligent midfield control, and an attacking approach that entertained spectators throughout the tournament. From the opening whistle, Spain controlled possession with precision and patience. Their trademark passing game kept

the opposition chasing the ball while creating numerous scoring opportunities. The midfield dictated the tempo of the game, linking defense and attack seamlessly. Spain's relentless pressure paid off in the first half when a brilliant team move culminated in a stunning finish that gave the European giants a deserved lead.

The second half witnessed an intense battle as the opposition attempted to mount a comeback. However, Spain's defense remained composed under pressure, denying every major attacking opportunity. Their goalkeeper produced a series of crucial saves that preserved the advantage, while the defenders displayed exceptional organization and composure in dealing with dangerous counterattacks.

As the match entered its closing stages, Spain launched a swift counterattack that resulted in a second goal, effectively sealing the contest. The beautifully crafted move highlighted the team's speed, technical ability, and tactical awareness. Moments later, the referee's final whistle confirmed Spain as the FIFA World Cup 2026 champions, triggering jubilant celebrations among players, coaches, and supporters.

The emotional scenes that followed perfectly captured the significance of the achievement. Players embraced each other on the pitch, many unable to hold back tears after months of relentless preparation and sacrifice. The coaching staff celebrated alongside the squad before captain lifted the iconic FIFA World Cup trophy amid a spectacular fireworks display. The stadium erupted with applause as confetti filled the sky, marking the beginning of celebrations that would continue for days.



India Enters a New Space Era as Skyroot Aerospace Launches First Private Orbital Mission



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India scripted a new chapter in its space journey as the Hyderabad-based startup Skyroot Aerospace successfully launched Vikram-1, the country's first privately developed orbital rocket, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The landmark mission, named Mission Aagaman, marks the first time an Indian private company has independently placed a launch vehicle into orbit, signalling the arrival of a new era in the nation's rapidly expanding space ecosystem.

The successful liftoff was celebrated by scientists, engineers, industry leaders, and space enthusiasts across the country. It also reflects the growing capabilities of India's private aerospace sector following the government's decision to open the space industry to private participation in 2020. Standing nearly 22 metres tall, the Vikram-1 rocket lifted off carrying multiple commercial and technology demonstration payloads into Low Earth Orbit (LEO). Designed to carry satellites weighing up to 350 kilograms, the launch vehicle is expected to cater to the increasing global demand for affordable and reliable satellite launch services.

Mission Aagaman is more than just a successful rocket launch—it represents the transformation of India's space programme from being driven solely by government agencies to one that

also embraces innovation from private enterprises. While the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has built an international reputation through missions such as Chandrayaan, Mangalyaan, and Aditya-L1, private companies are now poised to complement these achievements by providing commercial launch solutions and advanced space technologies.

Founded in 2018, Skyroot Aerospace was established by former ISRO scientists with the vision of making space more accessible through cost-effective launch vehicles. The company had previously achieved national recognition in 2022 with the launch of Vikram-S, India's first privately built sub-orbital rocket. The success of Vikram-1 now elevates Skyroot into an elite group of private companies worldwide capable of developing and launching orbital-class rockets.

As India continues to expand its ambitions in space exploration, satellite technology, and commercial launch services, Mission Aagaman is expected to pave the way for many more privately developed missions in the coming years. Industry analysts predict that increased investment, technological advancements, and supportive government policies will accelerate the growth of India's space economy and create thousands of high-skilled jobs. The success of Vikram-1 demonstrates that India's space ambitions now extend beyond government-led programmes. It signifies a future where startups, private companies, and research institutions work together to advance scientific discovery, strengthen national capabilities, and expand India's presence in the global space industry.





Monsoon Session of Parliament Begins Amid High Political Stakes and Public Expectations



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The Monsoon Session of Parliament commenced on Monday amid heightened political activity, with both the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government and the Opposition preparing for intense debates over a wide range of national issues.

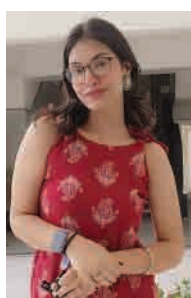
Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing the media before the commencement of the session, expressed hope that Parliament would function smoothly and serve as a platform for meaningful discussions. He urged all political parties to work collectively in the interest of the nation, emphasizing that healthy debate is the cornerstone of a vibrant democracy. The government is expected to introduce several key bills aimed at strengthening governance, promoting economic development, improving

digital infrastructure, and enhancing administrative efficiency. Senior ministers have indicated that legislative reforms related to taxation, infrastructure, technology, and public welfare will be among the priorities during the session. However, the Opposition has made it clear that it will strongly question the government on a series of issues affecting the country. Leaders from various Opposition parties announced that they would seek detailed discussions on rising of the inflation, the unemployment, the farmers'

concerns, the education sector, internal security, and recent incidents that have sparked nationwide debate. They also demanded greater accountability and transparency from the government on matters of public importance. With several important bills on the agenda and numerous national issues awaiting discussion, the Monsoon Session is expected to shape the country's legislative and political landscape. Citizens across India will closely follow the proceedings, hoping that Parliament rises above partisan politics.



Thousands of Students Protest Over Alleged Examination Paper Leaks, Demand Transparent Recruitment System



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Thousands of students gathered at Jantar Mantar to protest against alleged paper leaks in various competitive examinations, demanding

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a transparent, fair, and secure examination system. Carrying placards and raising slogans, students have expressed frustration over repeated controversies surrounding recruitment and entrance tests, arguing that such incidents undermine years of hard work and preparation.

The protesters, many of whom had travelled from different states, said repeated allegations of question paper leaks have shaken the confidence of lakhs of aspirants. They urged the government to introduce stronger security measures, conduct time-bound investigations, and ensure strict punishment for those found guilty of compromising examination integrity. Throughout the day, students raised slogans calling for justice and accountability. Many participants stated that

they had spent several years preparing for competitive examinations while making financial and personal sacrifices. According to the protesters, repeated reports of irregularities have caused uncertainty about their future careers and increased stress among young aspirants.

Several of student organisations joined the demonstration, demanding comprehensive reforms in the examination process. Among their key demands were the use of advanced digital security systems, enhanced monitoring during examinations, faster investigations into suspected leaks, and transparent communication with candidates whenever irregularities are reported. Some protesters also called for the resignation of senior officials responsible for the

education system, arguing that repeated controversies require of the greater administrative and financial accountability. These demands reflect the views of the demonstrators and have not been accepted by the government. The protest remained largely peaceful for several hours, with students addressing gatherings and sharing personal experiences. Many participants described the emotional and financial burden of preparing for highly competitive examinations, saying that uncertainty surrounding recruitment exams affects not only candidates but also their families. As the investigations and policy discussions continue, the voices of protesting students have once again highlighted the importance of preserving the integrity of India's examination system.

