

QS RANKING 2025 Indian varsities climb in rankings faster than G20 peers

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INDIAN UNIVERSITIES ARE climbing up the global pecking order faster than their G20 peers, according to the latest World University Rankings (WUR) 2025...

Table with 5 columns: Rank, 2025, 2024, Institution, Country. Lists top 5 QS World University Rankings from India.

its rise within the Indian cohort. The rankings points out that with 46 ranked universities, India has the third-largest representation among all G20 nations...

"The growing prominence of Indian higher education is evident...the bold implementation of India's National Education Policy demonstrates the nation's commitment to modernising its education system...

Sunita Williams makes history: First woman to pilot spacecraft on test mission

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INDIAN-ORIGIN ASTRO-NAUT Sunita Williams flew to space for the third time on Wednesday along with a colleague, scripting history as the first members aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft to the International Space Station.

Boeing's Crew Flight Test mission carrying Williams, and Butch Wilmore lifted off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida after multiple delays.

Williams, 58, is the pilot for the flight test while Wilmore, 61, is the commander of the mission. Williams also made history as the first woman to embark on such a mission.

In 2012, during a prior trip to the International Space Station, Williams became the first person to finish a triathlon in space, during which she simulated swimming using a weight-lifting machine and ran on a treadmill while strapped in by a harness so she wouldn't float away.



NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore (left) and Sunita Williams were launched on the Boeing Starliner capsule for a trip to the international space station on Wednesday

space station in 2007. Williams received her commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy from the

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She served as a flight engineer on Expedition 32 and then commander of Expedition 33.

Boeing's Crew Flight Test mission has been delayed for several years because of setbacks in the spacecraft's development.

Last-minute computer trouble nixed Saturday's launch attempt for Boeing's first astronaut flight, the latest in a string of delays over the years.

It was the second launch attempt. The first try on May 6 was delayed for leak checks and rocket repairs. With the launch, Boeing became the second private firm able to provide crew transport to and from the ISS, alongside Elon Musk's SpaceX.

Retiring Sunil Chhetri wants team to focus on must-win farewell tie against Kuwait

SAYAK DUTTA Kolkata, June 5

EVERYONE IS TALKING about Sunil Chhetri.

Lallianzuala Chhangte, the speedy winger, 'hopes and believes it would be me assisting Chhetri bhai'. Sahal Abdul Samad, the stylish midfielder, vowed to 'fight for Sunil bhai'.

And coach Igor Stimac couldn't hide his emotions, saying how 'sad' he was that his - rather, Indian football's Man Friday - will retire from international football after the 2026 World Cup and 2027 Asian Cup qualifier against Kuwait here on Thursday.

Everyone's talking about Chhetri. But the 39-year-old wants everyone to talk - and focus - about the match, which is crucial for India's progression hopes and can make or break the campaign.

packed room for a media conference on the match-eve was a rare occasion Chhetri showed emotions on Wednesday.

"I am trying really hard to not think about this game like this. It's not about me and my last game. It's about us and Kuwait. Inside, I am fighting this small battle. Please don't make it worse by asking me again and again how I am feeling. I don't want to address it. We really need to win this game. This is not going to be easy, but we are ready. We will have tremendous support here in Kolkata," Chhetri said.

Indeed, Chhetri has a point. India must not risk getting overwhelmed by emotions in a match where they have to be clinical to eke out a favourable result.

India are in the second position in Group A with four points. Asian champions Qatar top the table with

12 points, Afghanistan are third with four points, but an inferior goal difference than India, and Kuwait are at the bottom with three points.

the qualifiers as well as securing direct qualification for the AFC Asian Cup 2027 in Saudi Arabia.

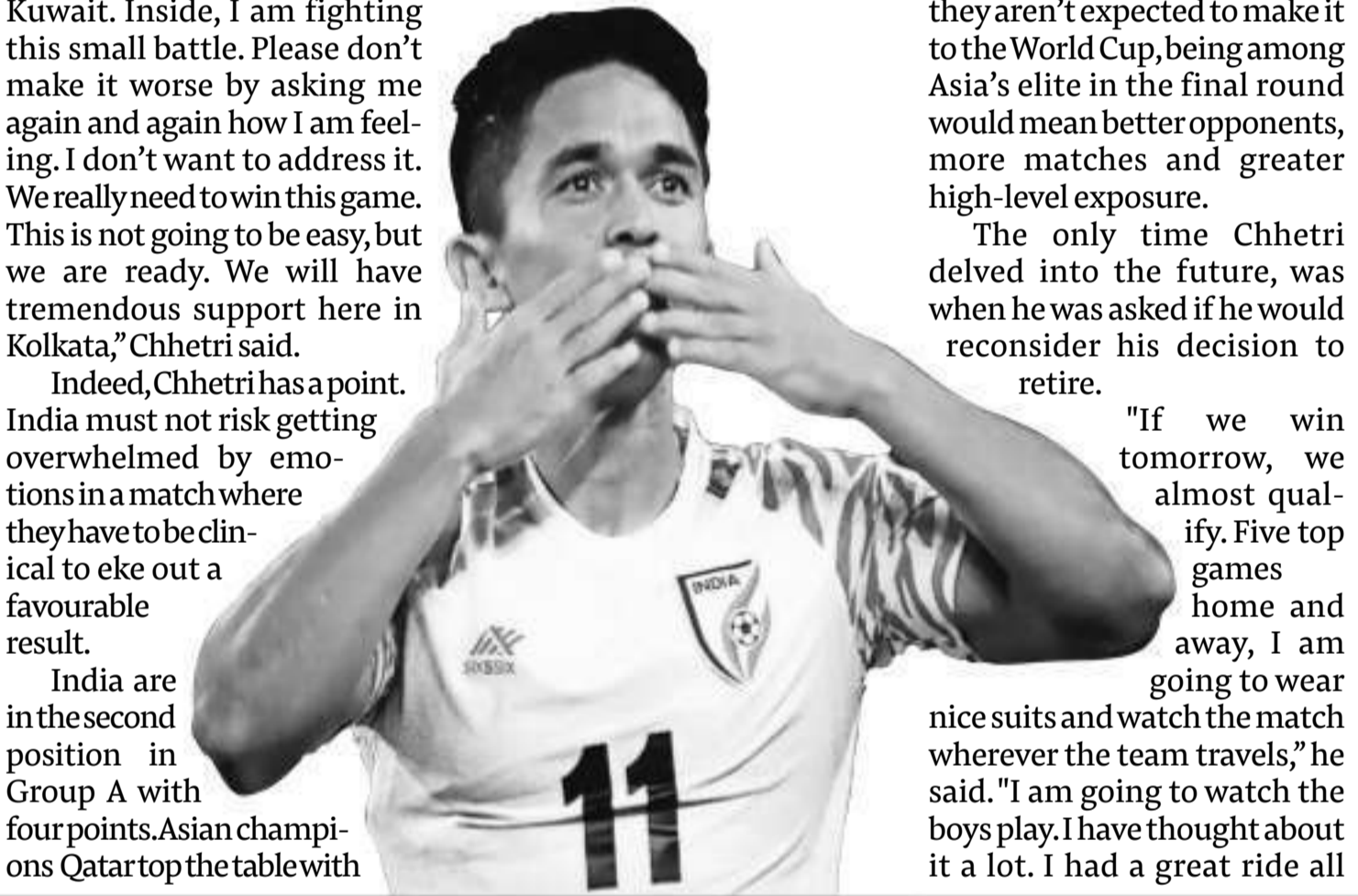
these 19 years."

Lucky venue

It's almost poetic that Chhetri plays his final match in a city that had shaped his career since his days as a Mohun Bagan player back in 2002-05 and then again in 2011-12.

The venue is a lucky one as well with the Indian team not having lost in the Salt Lake Stadium since August 2006.

The opponents on the night, Kuwait, are also the last team India has defeated in an international match with a 1-0 win in the group league opener back in November. Since then, India have had a terrible few months, losing to Qatar 0-3, getting eliminated from the Asian Cup after defeats to Australia, Uzbekistan and Syria, where India failed to find the net even once and then the draw and the humiliating 1-2 loss against Afghanistan in World Cup qualifiers, the latter coming in Guwahati.



UN warns of 'climate hell'

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The average global temperature for the 12-month period to the end of May was 1.63 degrees Celsius

EACH OF THE past 12 months ranked as the warmest on record in year-on-year comparisons, the EU's climate change monitoring service said on Wednesday...

to the end of May was 1.63 degrees Celsius (2.9 degrees Fahrenheit) above the pre-industrial average - making it the warmest such period since

record-keeping began in 1940, the Copernicus Climate Change Service said.

In a separate report, the UN's World Meteorological Organization said there is now an 80% chance that at least one of the next five years will mark the first calendar year with an average temperature that temporarily exceeds 1.5C above pre-industrial levels - up from a 66% chance last year.

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