



Dev Kumar Sets National Pole Vault Record in FISU

Why in News?

Madhya Pradesh's Dev Kumar Meena (from Silphodkheda village, Dewas district) has rewritten the **men's pole vault national record once again, clearing 5.40 metres** during the qualifiers at the **FISU (Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire/International University Sports Federation) World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany**.

- He **broke the national record thrice in a year**, becoming the **first Indian male to reach the World University Games pole vault final**.

About Dev Meena's Record-Breaking Feat

- **New Record Set:** 5.40m in qualifiers, breaking his previous record of 5.35m set at the Federation Cup in Kochi.
- **Previous Progression:**
 - **5.32m** – National Games 2025
 - **5.35m** – Federation Cup 2025
 - **5.40m** – FISU World University Games
- **Earlier Record:** Subramani Siva's 5.31m (2022), surpassed by Meena in 2025.
- **Event Details:** Cleared 5.05m and 5.25m on first attempts, and broke the record on his second try at 5.40m.

About India's Performance at FISU World University Games 2025

- **Total Medals So Far:** 5
- **Archery:** 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze
- **Tennis:** Vaishnavi Adkar - Bronze (Women's Singles)
- **Badminton:** Mixed Team - Bronze (July 20)

What is Pole Vault?

- The pole vault is a **track and field event** in which an **athlete vaults over a 4.5-metre-long horizontal bar**. The **vaulter sprints down a runway, plants a long, flexible pole** against a 'stop board' at the back of a recessed metal box sited centrally at the base of the uprights.
 - They then launch themselves into the air, seeking to clear the greatest height without knocking the bar to the ground.

About FISU World University Games

- FISU is organized by the International University Sports Federation (FISU), the World University Games (also known as the Universiade) is a premier international multi-sport event for student-athletes aged 17–25, held every two years in a different host city.
 - Guided by the motto "**Excellence in Mind and Body**," the Games combine elite athletic competition with cultural and educational enrichment, promoting holistic development

among global university students.

- In **2025**, the Summer edition was hosted in the **Rhine-Ruhr region of Germany** from **July 16 to 27**, with over **113 countries** and thousands of participants.

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