

Neeraj Chopra Finishes Runner-up in Diamond League 2025

Why in News?

Neeraj Chopra finished **runner-up** at the **Diamond League Finals** in Zurich, Switzerland, marking his third consecutive second-place finish in the prestigious event.

Julian Weber of Germany claimed his first-ever Diamond League title with a world-leading throw of 91.57m.



Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra's best throw was **85.01m** in the final round, which helped him move from 3rd to 2nd place, overtaking **Keshorn Walcott** (84.95m).
 - Despite his performance not being at his usual level, Chopra expressed optimism for the World Championships in Tokyo (13th- 21th September 2025).
- Weber, a European Champion, dominated the competition with two 90m-plus throws, solidifying his place as a top contender for the World Championships.

Wanda Diamond League

- Series Overview: The Wanda Diamond League, launched in 2010, is an **elite global athletics competition** featuring 15 prestigious events across four continents and 13 countries, offering athletes the chance to compete for the sport's most prestigious title outside major championships.
- **Road to the Final**: Athletes compete across 14 series meetings from April to September, earning points based on their performance. The top athletes from each discipline, along with wildcard entries, qualify for the two-day Wanda Diamond League Final.
- **Wanda Diamond League Final**: Held in Zurich, the two-day event features athletes competing in a **winner-takes-all format**. Champions in each discipline receive a Diamond Trophy and a wildcard entry to the **World Athletics Championships** (with conditions).

