



Neeraj Chopra Finishes 8th in World Athletics Championships 2025

Why in News?

Defending champion Neeraj Chopra faced an unexpected setback at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in the men's javelin throw final, **finishing eighth**.

- Meanwhile, his debutant compatriot, **Sachin Yadav**, recorded a **personal best** to secure a **commendable fourth place**.

Key Points

- **Medals and Results:** The gold was claimed by **Keshorn Walcott (88.16m)** of **Trinidad and Tobago**, while **Anderson Peters** of **Grenada** took silver (87.38m), and **Curtis Thompson** of the USA secured **bronze** (86.67m).
- **Neeraj Chopra's Struggles:** Despite his consistency over the years, he failed to surpass the **85m mark**, with his best throw of **84.03m** leaving him in eighth position.
 - This is his **first major competition since 2018**, where he finished outside the top three, contrasting with his consistent podium finishes since his historic **Tokyo Olympic 2021 victory**.
- **Sachin Yadav's Rise:** Sachin Yadav, hailing from Khekra village in Uttar Pradesh, threw a **personal best of 86.27m**, surpassing not only Neeraj Chopra but also notable competitors such as Julian Weber and Arshad Nadeem.
 - Sachin Yadav's performance showcases his potential, with his strength and consistency being evident since his silver medal at the **2023 Asian Championships**.

World Athletics Championships 2025

- **Location:** The World Athletics Championships 2025 is being held in **Tokyo, Japan**, from 13th to 21st September 2025, spanning **nine** days of intense competition.
- **Event Overview:** This is the 20th edition of the World Athletics Championships, featuring over 2,000 athletes from **around 200 countries**.
- **Events and Medals:** A total of **49 events** are taking place, with 147 medals up for grabs. There are 24 events for both men and women, plus one mixed event.