

# India's Historic Triumph at ICC Women's World Cup 2025

## 1. Introduction

- India created history by winning their **first-ever ICC Women's World Cup title** in 2025.
- They defeated **South Africa by 52 runs** in the **final match** held at **DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai**.
- This victory marked a **turning point in Indian women's cricket**, placing India among the **global elite teams**.

## 2. Match Overview

- Venue:** DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai
- Date:** 2025 Women's World Cup Final
- Result:** India won by **52 runs**
- Toss:** South Africa won the toss and elected to field first (after a rain delay).

## 3. India's Innings - Explosive Batting Performance

- Openers:**
  - Shafali Verma** and **Smriti Mandhana** gave India a solid start.
  - They added a **104-run partnership** for the first wicket.
- Key Performances:**
  - Shafali Verma:** 87 runs off 78 balls (7 fours, 2 sixes)
  - Smriti Mandhana:** 45 runs (steady support)
  - Deepti Sharma:** 58 runs off 58 balls (anchored middle order)
  - Richa Ghosh:** 34 runs off 24 balls (quick cameo)
- Total Score:** India posted **298/7 in 50 overs**, which was the **second-highest total in a Women's World Cup final**.

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## 4. South Africa's Chase - Strong Start but Collapse Later

- **Target:** 299 runs
- **Star Performer:**
  - **Laura Wolvaardt (Captain):** Scored a brilliant **101 off 97 balls**, keeping South Africa's hopes alive.
- **Turning Point:**
  - Wolvaardt's dismissal by **Deepti Sharma** turned the game in India's favour.
- **Bowling Highlights (India):**
  - **Deepti Sharma:** 4 wickets for 46 runs
  - **Shafali Verma:** 2 wickets for 27 runs (part-time spin)
  - Disciplined fielding and tight bowling restricted South Africa to **246 all out in 45 overs**.

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## 5. Star Performers

Player	Performance	Contribution
<b>Deepti Sharma</b>	58 runs + 4/46	Anchored batting & led bowling attack
<b>Shafali Verma</b>	87 runs + 2/27	Aggressive start and key wickets
<b>Laura Wolvaardt (SA)</b>	101 runs	Lone fighter for South Africa
<b>Harmanpreet Kaur (Captain)</b>	Inspirational leadership	Guided team to maiden title

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## 6. Awards & Recognition

- 🏆 **Player of the Match:** Deepti Sharma (for her all-round performance)
- 🏆 **India's 1st ICC Women's World Cup Title** (under captain Harmanpreet Kaur)

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## 7. Significance of the Victory

- **Historic Achievement:** India won their **first-ever Women's World Cup** after years of near misses (2005, 2017 finals).
- **Symbol of Progress:** Showcased the **growing strength and depth** of Indian women's cricket.

- **Inspiration for Future:** The win is expected to **inspire young girls** across India to take up cricket.
- **Leadership Impact:** Harmanpreet Kaur's calm and strategic captaincy was crucial in pressure situations.
- **Team Balance:** Combination of **youth (Shafali)** and **experience (Deepti, Mandhana)** proved decisive.

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## 8. Exam-Oriented Key Facts

1. **Winner:** India
2. **Runner-up:** South Africa
3. **Venue:** DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai
4. **Result:** India won by 52 runs
5. **Top Scorer (India):** Shafali Verma – 87 runs
6. **Top Scorer (SA):** Laura Wolvaardt – 101 runs
7. **Best Bowler (India):** Deepti Sharma – 4/46
8. **Captain (India):** Harmanpreet Kaur
9. **India's Total:** 298/7 in 50 overs
10. **South Africa's Total:** 246 all out in 45 overs
11. **Player of the Match:** Deepti Sharma

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## 9. Broader Impact on Women's Cricket

- Boosts **visibility and popularity** of women's cricket in India.
- Expected to bring **greater investment, sponsorships**, and **grassroots development**.
- Reinforces India's position as a **rising superpower in global women's sports**.

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### □ In Summary:

India's 2025 ICC Women's World Cup victory is a **landmark event in sports history**, symbolizing resilience, teamwork, and the rise of Indian women's cricket on the world stage. The combination of **Shafali's aggression, Deepti's all-round excellence, and Harmanpreet's leadership** marked the dawn of a **new era of dominance**.

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