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## Bengal CM has crossed all limits by maligning saints: PM Modi

**Mumbai:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Sunday, said that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has crossed all limits by maligning and threatening the saints associated with iconic institutions like Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Bharat Sevashram Sangha and ISKCON. He said that when Swami Vivekananda went abroad and spoke about India, lakhs of people became his devotees. "But there was also a section that hated India. They insulted Swami Vivekananda and tried to intimidate him. But Swami Vivekananda was on a mission for Mother India and was not one to be scared. Today, a similar situation is happening on the soil of Bengal," said PM Modi while addressing a rally at Medinipur in West Bengal. The PM was campaigning in support of the



party candidate from Medinipur Lok Sabha – fashion designer-turned-politician Agnimitra Paul. "The entire country and the world are angry over the Chief Minister's comments regarding the saints of these great institutions. She has crossed all the limits by maligning and threatening the saints. Trinamool Congress, which is bowing down for the sake of vote banks, is not entitled to a single vote in West Bengal. How dare she malign and threaten the monks of Ra-

makrishna Mission, Bharat Sevashram Sangha and ISKCON?" the Prime Minister questioned. Speaking on the occasion, PM Modi said that the illegal infiltration is currently the biggest danger for West Bengal. "Unfortunately, Trinamool Congress is pampering these illegal infiltrators who are threats to the state and the country. Trinamool Congress is helping them in getting fake ration cards and fake voters; identity cards," he said...

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## Assam can tackle people like Shah Jahan in 10 mins: Himanta

**Guwahati:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed his criticism of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her comments on the Ramakrishna Mission. Addressing the media, Sarma accused Banerjee of neglecting Bengal's development in favor of personal interests and displaying religious bias. Sarma began by saying, "Mamata Banerjee was given blessings to develop Bengal. But she invested all her power for the betterment of Shah Jahan. Therefore, when Mamata ji said, 'even the Sadhu and Sanyasis are doing politics today,' I think from this statement onwards the downfall of Mamata ji has begun." Sarma questioned the media about the necessity of financial aid for sadhus and sanyasis, saying, "If they wanted money then why would they become Sadhu, Sanyasi?" Challenging Banerjee's perceived bias, Sarma added, "Ask Mamata if she dares to speak like this against the Islam Maulavi or any religious leader from Muslim communities." He claimed that Hindu religious leaders avoid politics, which is why Banerjee feels free to criticize them...

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## Iran prez killed

**New Delhi:** Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, and a group of officials died in a helicopter crash in northwestern Iran. The crash occurred during a trip to Azerbaijan, and the news has raised concerns about Iran's political stability and future leadership. Raisi, a hardline conservative and close ally of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, had been in office since 2021. The sudden loss of Raisi and his administration has created a power vacuum, with speculations about potential successors and regional stability. The Iranian constitution stipulates that the first vice president would assume acting president until elections can be held within 50 days.

## Delhi records 44.4 degrees, 'red alert' issued due to heatwave

**New Delhi:** The national capital recorded 44.4 degrees Celsius on Sunday, with the weather office issuing a 'red alert' due to severe heat wave conditions in the city. Delhi has seen a steady rise in temperature in recent days, culminating in the highest temperature recorded this summer on Sunday. Saturday's temperature was 43.6 degrees Celsius, up from 42.5 degrees Celsius on Friday. While the station at Safdarjung recorded a high of 44.4 degrees Celsius, four notches above normal on Sunday, other parts of the city saw the mercury soar above 47 degrees Celsius. Najafgarh recorded a high of 47.8 degrees Celsius, while Mungeshpur recorded 47.7 degrees, Aya Nagar recorded 46.4 degrees, Pusa recorded



46.5 degrees, Pitampura recorded 47 degrees, and Palam recorded 45.1 degrees. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted mainly clear skies with heatwave conditions in many parts of Delhi and severe heat wave conditions in other areas, accompanied by strong surface winds at speeds of 25-35 kmph on Monday. In a seven-day forecast, the IMD has urged...

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## FM highlights Assam's support for semiconductor industry

**New Delhi:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman discussed the importance of bolstering India's semiconductor industry and recognized the state of Assam for allocating land to establish semiconductor manufacturing facilities in recent podcast. The minister emphasized the need to strengthen India's position in the global semiconductor

market and minimize dependency on imports. Sitharaman commended Assam's proactive measures, which include providing land for the semiconductor industry. One of the significant projects underway is Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt Ltd (TSAT) in Morigaon. TSAT's upcoming facility in Assam is expected to have a daily production

capacity of 48 million chips and attract an investment of Rs 27,000 crore. The chips produced will cater to various sectors such as automotive, electric vehicles, consumer electronics, telecom, and mobile phones. The Finance Minister also mentioned Tata Electronics Private Limited's partnership...

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## Guv emphasizes new laws' 4 illegal timber mills seized importance in nation's progress

**Guwahati:** Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria highlighted the importance of the criminal justice system in India's progress and the potential of its enactment of three new laws: the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023; and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023. The new laws prioritize justice over punishment, ensuring human rights protection and upholding the rule of law. They will streamline proce-

dures, reduce delays, and enhance justice delivery.

The new laws are embedded with the values of reform, perform, and transform, addressing contemporary challenges in the digital age. They will provide a holistic approach to dealing with crimes and lead to expeditious disposal of cases, clearing vast backlogs, and faster justice delivery. The Governor also emphasized the need for more inclusive legal practices in the North Eastern

Region due to its diverse population.

The Governor thanked the Ministry of Law and Justice for organizing the conference and thanked all participants for their contributions. He requested stakeholders to work together with civil society for the success of the laws. The new laws replace earlier criminal laws, such as the Indian Penal Code 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

## Of strawberry shakes, drives and four newspapers a day: Ruskin Bond turns 90



**Mumbai:** Old writers never die, they simply go out of print, says India's storyteller through the decades Ruskin Bond as he turned 90 on Sunday, adding with his famed self-deprecating wit that 99 per cent of his tribe are forgotten in the long run. The companionship of his adopted family, drives on the serpentine Landour-Mussoorie route, frothy strawberry milk shakes, shelves filled with books to read and a handy notepad to write down his daily musings... they were and are just a few of his favourite things. Spending most of his days at his picturesque home Ivy Cottage in the quiet cantonment town of Landour, a short drive from the noisier Mussoorie, the twin towns' most famous resident shows little

signs of ageing. High blood pressure and dwindling eyesight aside, his childlike enthusiasm is intact as he discusses life, old age, writing, food and everything in between. "Ninety-nine per cent of writers are forgotten in the long run. We are writing for posterity but nobody remembers us afterwards... I am happy if my family remembers me and a few readers get some pleasure out of my writing but it is very easy for a writer to disappear, to go out of print," Bond told PTI in a rare interview at his home, often breaking into laughter at his own answers. The ace raconteur makes light of his celebrity status and of being India's favourite children's author with more than 500 titles...

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## Kohima District TB Forum-DAPCC meeting held

**Dimapur:** The Kohima District TB Forum-District AIDS Prevention and Control Committee (DAPCC) meeting was held on May 16 at the DC conference hall in Kohima, which was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Kumar Ramnikant.

During the meeting, a TB champion shared his personal experiences undergoing treatment under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), a DIPR report stat-ed.

The TB champion expressed his gratitude for the free medicine, treatment and financial assistance provided during his treatment. He emphasised the importance of completing the mandatory six-month medication course without interruption and encouraged fellow TB patients to take full advantage of the facilities available. DTO Kohima, Dr. Chibenthung Kithan, provided an overview of the district health unit's profile, services available under the NTEP, as well as the targets, challenges, and outcomes faced. He also announced

that three villages in Kohima have been declared TB-free under the B Mukta Pan-chayat initiative. Sentimongla Tzudir, district programme officer of the District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, presented data on the adult HIV prevalence rate, HIV-related facilities, achievements made in facility centres and ongoing HIV-related activities in the district.

The deputy commissioner stressed the need for not just collecting data on TB cases but also performing in-depth analyses. He highlighted the importance of testing in close settings to curb the spread of TB, along with the necessity for awareness and counselling where testing occurs. The forum members resolved to request that the Kohima Municipal Council put up hoardings and creative displays to enhance public awareness about TB. The meeting emphasised the community's on-going efforts and strategies to combat TB and HIV in Kohima, aiming for a healthier future.

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With Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp from Taiwan to set up a semiconductor fabrication plant in Dholera, Gujarat. This project is expected to draw an investment of Rs 91,000 crore and significantly enhance India's semiconductor manufacturing capabilities, thereby contributing to the country's economic growth. Sitharaman's remarks highlight the government's commitment to promoting the domestic semiconductor industry and reducing reliance on imports. The allocation of land for semiconductor manufacturing facilities in different parts of the country aims to create a robust ecosystem for semiconductor production and ensure self-reliance in this critical sector. As the global demand for semiconductors continues to grow, India's focus on boosting domestic production will be crucial in meeting local demand and increasing its presence in the international market. With Assam taking a lead in this direction, other states are also expected to follow suit, further strengthening India's semiconductor industry and contributing to the country's overall development.

## First North East Textile Expo begins at Athgoan Gaushala

**Guwahati:** The International Trade Corporation (ITC) has organized the First North East Textile Expo 2024 at Sri Gauhati Gaushala, Athgoan in Guwahati. The event, inaugurated by prominent dignitaries, showcases a range of products from blankets to home furnishings, including quilts, bed covers, handloom goods, and home furnishings. The expo aims

to attract small and large traders from the North East, including Assam, to boost their businesses. A three-day B2B meet will also be organized, providing a chance for small and large businessmen to interact directly with Panipat manufacturers. The event, which began at Athgoan Gaushala in the Northeast, is expected to attract many manufacturers from Panipat.

## Cong provided quotas to minorities but not on basis of religion: Ramesh

**Patna:** Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Sunday asserted that reservations have been provided to certain sections of minority communities, in states ruled by it, "on the ground of social and economic backwardness." Addressing a press conference at the Sadaqat Ashram here, the BPC headquarter, Ramesh clarified that no quotas have been provided "on the basis of religion" in states like Karnataka. "We abide by the Constitution, which does not allow the grant of reservations and citizenship on the basis of religion. It is the BJP which has violated the Constitution through CAA, which is nothing but a grant of citizenship along religious lines. The law has, therefore, been challenged in court," the AICC general secretary said. Ramesh was responding to queries on allegations by BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, that Congress was snatching away quotas meant for OBCs and Dalits and diverting these to its own "vote bank" of Muslims. Ramesh alleged that Modi was "making one false statement after another" to divert public attention from real issues and claimed, "the ground is slipping from under his feet. There is desperation out of



realisation that he is an outgoing (nivantman) prime minister." On the other hand, he claimed, the Congress-led INDIA bloc was on its way to secure "a decisive mandate" in the Lok Sabha polls, "just like in 2004, when we had bounced back after losses in state assembly elections and those who felt BJP then led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee could not be defeated." Ramesh charged Modi with "making false claims about our manifesto" and challenged him to "break his silence on what is the BJP's stand with regard to the Congress' promises of a caste census, waiver of farmers' debt and a legally guaranteed MSP." He alleged that the BJP, since its inception, has been "against the Constitution drafted by Babasaheb Ambedkar" and claimed that its parent body, the RSS had come out with an article in its mouthpiece advocating a "Manuvadi

samvidhan." On the other hand, he claimed, the Congress has always been committed to social justice and cited the example of 69 percent quotas given to deprived sections in Tamil Nadu, which was legally secured by getting added to the ninth schedule of the Constitution when PV Narasimha Rao was the Prime Minister and former party president Sitaram Keshri held the social welfare portfolio. "Congress is also committed to scrapping the 50 percent cap on reservations by way of a constitutional amendment. We would like the PM to disclose whether or not he is in favour of such a move," said Ramesh. The Congress leader also trained his guns at Modi on the issue of national security, accusing him of having given "a clean chit" to China on the issue of reported incursions along the bordering areas.

## Governor inaugurated "Happy School" renovated by Rotary Metro at Arya Pathshala

**Guwahati:** The Rotary Club of Guwahati Metro has renovated Arya Pathshala, a government provincial Assamese primary school in Rehabari, Guwahati, to become a "Happy School." Governor Gulabchand Kataria, who attended the event, expressed his gratitude for the club's efforts and the dedication of its members to the school's maintenance. The renovation project focused on restoring key areas of the school infrastructure, such as clean drinking water facilities, repairs and painting of desks and benches, renovation of class rooms, modern toilet facilities with separate toilets for boys and girls, and developing areas for playing and gardening.



The club's dedication to enhancing education and community development has led to a significant reduction in dropout rates and absenteeism. With a cost of over Rs 10 lakh, the school has become the model primary school of the state. The government is spending heavily on schools, but there is a need for local communities and international social clubs like Rotary and Lions to upgrade gov-

ernment school infrastructure.

The Hon'ble Governor also appreciated the club's other projects, such as fitting artificial legs, providing sewing machine training to economically backward women, cancer detection and health check-up camps, and planting fruit-bearing grafted plants on roadside. The renovation work was made possible by the generous contributions of Club President Rtn. R.P. Sureka and Vice President Mr. Vijay Jasararia. The dedicated efforts of Rtn. Bijay Saraf, Chairman Community Service, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Goyal, and Rtn. Ravi Dutta played an important role in turning the dream of Happy School into reality.

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The PM also launched a scathing attack against the Chief Minister for her comments that people applying through the CAA portal will actually lose their citizenship. "All such falsehoods have fallen flat after the Union government has given citizenship to 300 refugee families. This is the beginning. Trinamool Congress should understand one thing that CAA is the guarantee of Modi," he added. The PM also said that the event of Congress and Trinamool Congress contesting separately is nothing but drama on the part of both parties. "They are all parts of the INDIA bloc. They are just pretending to fight separately here," he further said.

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Muslim leaders have the power to influence their positions, unlike Hindu Mahatma who doesn't engage in politics. Sarma criticizes Banerjee for not permitting Ram Navami processions and her remarks about the Ramakrishna Mission. He expresses sadness at Mamata's abuse of the Ramakrishna Mission, which helps people in remote areas of Arunachal Pradesh with health benefits. He questions Banerjee's contributions to the country and Bengal, comparing her to Shah Jahan and Sandeshkhali. He questions Banerjee's contribution to the country and Bengal.

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A vacation bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and Pankaj Mithal is likely to hear the case of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, which replace the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Indian Evidence Act. Advocate Vishal Tiwari filed a PIL seeking a stay on the operation of the new laws, arguing they were enacted without any parliamentary debate due to suspension of opposition members. The plea seeks directions from the court for the creation of an expert committee to assess the viability of the new criminal laws.

## UBL Introduces Queenfisher Beer in Assam & Meghalaya

**Guwahati:** United Breweries Limited (UBL), a part of the HEINEKEN Company, is excited to introduce Queenfisher Beer: The Queen of Good Times, from the House of Kingfisher, in Assam and Meghalaya. Encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive response from consumers in Goa, we are thrilled to extend this celebration of nurturing sisterhood bonds to new markets. The beer launch was held on May 18th at Exotica Green in Guwahati. The 500 ml Queenfisher Lager Beer will be readily available at top outlets in Assam and Meghalaya.

The beer, launched on March 11th in Goa, sparked



significant public interest. The launch event showcased the iconic calendar, now known as The Galendar, which features real-life stories of women, captured by Avani Rai. Each page includes a QR code that, when scanned, reveals unique moments of sisterhood through films directed by Kopal Naithani. The unique microsite, queen-

fisher.in, allows the public to experience the world of sisterhood as told by women and create their own personalized Galendars to share with others. Vikram Bahl, CMO, United Breweries Limited, said, "Society in Assam and Meghalaya has always been at the forefront of celebrating inclusivity and Queenfisher is proud to be part of this culture."

## TPEM and TMPV join hands with Bajaj Finance



**Mumbai:** Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM) – subsidiaries of Tata Motors, India's leading automotive manufacturer, have joined hands with Bajaj Finance, part of Bajaj Finserv Ltd., one of India's leading and most diversified financial services groups, to extend supply chain finance solutions to its passenger and electric vehicle dealers. The participating companies will collaborate under a mem-

orandum of understanding to utilize Bajaj Finance's extensive network to assist dealers of TMPV and TPEM in obtaining funding with minimal collateral.

The MoU for this partnership was signed by Mr. Dhiman Gupta, Chief Financial Officer, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd. and Director, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd., and Mr. Siddhartha Bhatt, Chief Business Officer, Bajaj Finance Ltd. Mr. Anup Saha, Deputy Managing Director, Bajaj Finance Ltd, said,

"We are confident that this collaboration will not only benefit dealers but also contribute to, and enhance the growth of, the automotive industry in India."

TMPV and TPEM have been pioneering in the Indian automotive market, introducing segment-leading products in both ICE and EV segments, based on their New Forever philosophy, which is highly appreciated by consumers. Mr. Dhiman Gupta, Chief Financial Officer, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd. and Director, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd., said, "We are excited to partner with Bajaj Finance for this financing program, which will further strengthen the access of our dealer partners to increased working capital."

## CLEAN & CLEAR® unveils a digital film titled 'Pimple Hi Toh Hai'

**Shillong:** CLEAN & CLEAR® is excited to unveil its latest digital film as part of its ongoing campaign 'Pimple Hi Toh Hai'. Reinforcing the brand's promise, the new digital film brings a fresh perspective on teen pimple empowering teenage girls to embrace the unexpected while assuring them to stay focussed on things that matter.

The CLEAN & CLEAR® Foaming Facewash® is a new, improved product designed to help teens manage pimple concerns, containing 50% more pimple-fighting ingredients and gentle skin cleansing. The updated formulation addresses teenage girls' skin dryness concerns by using 4x hydrating ingredients to retain 99% natural moisture, resulting in glowing, fresh skin. Manoj Gadgil, Vice President of Marketing & Business Unit

Head, Essential Health & Skin Health, Kenvue said, "Our new and improved CLEAN & CLEAR® Foaming Facewash® offers unmatched results by providing an effective solution to wash away their pimple concerns while retaining 99% of skin's natural moisture their skin."

CLEAN & CLEAR® has launched a digital campaign that emphasizes the naturalness of pimples in teenagers, challenging the notion that they should cause distress or anxiety. The campaign promotes the CLEAN & CLEAR® Foaming Facewash, which is clinically proven to reduce pimples in just one week, and encourages young individuals to see pimples as a common occurrence. Watch the digital film – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iUK1GGulj4>

## An exclusive "Meet and Greet" event hosted by Luminous Power Technologies in Guwahati

**Guwahati:** India's leading energy solutions brand and the Title Sponsor of Rajasthan Royals for IPL 2024, Luminous Power Technologies, hosted an exclusive "Meet and Greet" event with the players of Rajasthan Royals in Guwahati. Luminous, the Rajasthan Royals' title sponsor, is excited to bring fans closer to their cricket heroes through a meet and greet event, offering a unique opportunity to interact with their favorite players.

The event was attended by the leadership team of Luminous India Shikha Gupta, Chief Human Resources Officer and Arun Tiwari, Vice President, Energy Solutions Business, and leading players of Rajasthan Royals including spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, all-rounder Riyan Parag and batsman Shimron Hetmyer. Luminous and Rajasthan Royals partnered to solar power 156 homes for '26 sixes' during their #PinkPromise match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru on April 6. The Royal Rajasthan Foundation is implementing a women-led initiative to provide solar power to underserved communities. Luminous is launching a CSR initiative called "Solar PV Installation Training" to train Indian youth into solar technicians, offering a lucrative job opportunity and a Skill Certificate from NSDC upon completion. The 400-hour course is active across various states. Preeti Bajaj, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Luminous Power Technologies said, "We are extremely delighted with the way the team is performing and look forward to seeing this association grow further with every season."

## Sellwin Traders Ltd plans to make a strategic investment in Patel Container India Pvt Ltd



**Guwahati:** Board of Director of Ahmedabad based Sellwin Traders Ltd has approved the proposal to make strategic investment in Patel Container India Pvt Ltd. Company will acquire 36% stake in Patel Container which is extendible up to 51% over the next two years. Investment by Sellwin Traders will be utilized to support the establishment of a new manufacturing facility for logistic containers in Bhavnagar District, Gujarat.

Patel Container has committed to investing Rs. 45 crore in a logistic container manufacturing facility in Bhavnagar, Gujarat, at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024. The project, expected to create 100 jobs by 2025, will benefit from strategic location near ma-

major ports and trade routes, optimizing logistics and distribution. During FY24, company has turned around its business operations and reported 56% growth in total income to Rs. 61.7 crore as compared to Rs. 39.60 crore in FY23.

The company plans to invest around Rs. 200 million in Shah Metacorp Ltd to capitalize on metal industry opportunities. The company has converted 1.2 crore warrants into 1.2 crore equity shares of Rs. 10 each and appointed Mr. Vedant-Rakesh Panchal as Managing Director and Chairperson on May 17, 2024, subject to shareholder approval. Mr. Vedant Panchal, Managing Director, Sellwin Traders Ltd, said, "By leveraging advanced manufacturing technologies and establishing efficient operational setups, Sellwin Traders can expect fruitful outcomes from this investment in Patel Container India Pvt Ltd."

## Upstox announced its entry into the insurance distribution business

**Mumbai:** Upstox, one of India's premier wealth management platforms, announced its entry into the insurance distribution business. Upstox has traditionally been recognized for its offerings in Stocks, F&O, and Mutual Funds, the introduction of Insurance marks a significant stride towards evolving into a comprehensive wealth-building platform. Today, Upstox is a one-stop-shop for a wide array of financial instruments including Stocks, IPOs, F&O, Commodities, Currencies, Fixed Deposits, P2P Lending, Government Bonds, T-Bills, NCDs, Gold, Insurance and much more. Upstox is launching a platform to revolutionize India's insurance market by providing a simplified, transparent, and customized insurance experience. Currently, it offers Term Life Insurance and plans to expand to Health, Motor, and Travel Insurance. HDFC Life is among the first insurers to partner with Upstox. Kavitha Subramanian, Co-Founder, Upstox said, "We are thrilled to expand our offerings on Upstox and foray into the insurance distribution segment."

India's insurance penetration is only 4.2%, with many relying on traditional models. Upstox, a research firm, aims to address this issue by streamlining the Life, Health, Motor, and Travel insurance processes. The company uses advanced technology and industry expertise to identify top plans, purchase insurance, and make claims smooth.

## ONGC Reports highest ever standalone net profit of Rs. 40,526 crore

**Guwahati:** ONGC Board of Directors in its 380th Meeting held on 20th May, 2024, approved the annual results for FY'24. The company achieved its highest standalone net profit of Rs. 40,526 crore for FY'24, the highest consolidated net profit of Rs. 57,101 crore. The highest ever total dividend for FY'24 is Rs. 15,411 crore, with a total dividend would be 245% (Rs. 12.25 per share of face value Rs. 5 each). This includes interim dividend of 195% (Rs. 9.75 per share) already paid during the year and final dividend of 50% (Rs. 2.50 per share) recommended by the

Board. In Q4 FY'24, crude oil production increased by 2.4% compared to Q4 FY'23, while gas production decreased by 3%.

ONGC announced 11 discoveries in its operated acreages during FY 2023-24, with 6 being prospects and 5 being new pool discoveries, out of which 6 are onland. During the fiscal year 2023-24, 7 hydrocarbon discoveries were monetized, including the 3 previously announced discoveries. The Company has achieved a turnover of Rs. 9,553 crore during FY'24. The company registered a PAT of Rs. 639 crore in FY24.

## Abhishek, Klaasen power SRH to four-wicket win over Punjab

**Hyderabad:** A scintillating half-century by opener Abhishek Sharma guided Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) to a comfortable four-wicket win over Punjab Kings (PBKS) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) match at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium here on Sunday. SRH finished their league stage campaign with 17 points in 14 matches and is currently placed at second spot in the points table. However, the final standings will be decided after the conclusion of the second match between table toppers Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals. Chasing 215 on their home ground, Hyderabad suffered an early blow as they lost opener Travis Head (0) on the first ball of the innings – Arshdeep Singh clinching the wicket for Punjab in the power-play.

Rahul Tripathi came in to bat at No. 3 and joined Abhishek in the middle. The duo kept the scoring rate



high, firing boundaries at regular intervals. In no time, SRH crossed the 50-run mark and went on in cruise mode before Harshal Patel gave PBKS a slight respite with the wicket of Tripathi in the fifth over. He was dismissed for 33 runs which included four fours and two sixes. Nitish Reddy walked out to bat and kept the momentum going as SRH posted their third-highest power-play total after finishing 84-2 in six overs. Meanwhile, Abhishek slammed his third fifty of the season, off 21 balls. He scored 66 runs in 28 balls including six sixes and five fours be-

fore losing his wicket to Shashank Singh in the 11th over. During his knock, he also created history by becoming the first Indian batter to smash 39 sixes in an IPL season. Previously, Virat Kohli held the record with 38 maximums in the 2016 edition of the tournament. Nitish and Heinrich Klaasen continued the onslaught as SRH controlled the pace of the match throughout their innings. Reddy played a 37-run knock while Klaasen scored 42 off 26 runs to keep them ahead in the chase. Despite losing Shabaz Ahmed (3) and Klaasen (42) in the death

overs, the win was a cake-walk for the home franchise. In the end, Abdul Samad (11\*) and Sanvir Singh (6\*) remained unbeaten as Hyderabad chased the target with five balls to spare.

For Hyderabad, Arshdeep and Harshal bagged two scalps apiece. Earlier, Prabhsimran Singh's half-century coupled with Rilee Rossouw's 49 powered Punjab Kings to 214/5. Playing his second game of the season, the left-handed opener Atharva Taide along with partner Prabhsimran gave PBKS a blazing start. The duo set the foundation for Punjab's total by unleashing carnage in the power-play. The openers scored at the rate of over 10 runs per over to make the most of the field restriction. After six overs, Punjab were 61 for no loss. Pacer T. Natrajan finally broke the partnership in the 10th over as Taide hit the ball into the hands of Sanvir Singh at point.

## Batters, Yash Dayal shine as RCB enter playoffs



**Bengaluru:** Left-arm pacer Yash Dayal starred with 2-42, including taking out MS Dhoni in a seven-run final over, as Royal Challengers Bengaluru held their nerve to enter the playoffs of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 with a stunning 27-run win over defending champions Chennai Super Kings in front of their faithful fans at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. After captain Faf du Plessis (54), Virat Kohli (47), Rajat Patidar (41), and Cameron Green (38 not out) shone in a collective batting effort to post a challenging 218/5, RCB had CSK in trouble right from the start of the chase. Though Rachin Ravindra made 61 and Ravindra Jadeja-MS Dhoni shared a 61-run partnership off 27 balls, it wasn't enough as CSK were restricted to 191/7 to bow out of the competition, as RCB got their sixth consecutive win on the trot to grab the last remaining playoffs spot. They will now play the Eliminator on May 23 in Ahmedabad. CSK were never in the hunt to chase down 219 from the word go. Captain Rituraj Gaikwad fell for a golden duck after top-edging a short ball straight to short fine leg off Glenn Maxwell. Daryl Mitchell couldn't do much, lasting just six balls before miscuing a loft to midoff against Yash Dayal. Rachin, with his cuts and pulls, along with Ajinkya Rahane steadied CSK's ship after the early blows by hitting seven boundaries between themselves in a 66-run stand off 41 balls for the third wicket. But pressure built from RCB spinners meant Ajinkya Rahane looked to take on Lockie Ferguson's first ball, but top-edged to wide mid-off to fall for 33 off 22 balls. Rachin marched forward to get a 31-ball fifty, his first in the IPL, by heaving Ferguson over deep mid-wicket for six. Luck was going CSK's way when Siraj dropped Shivam Dube's catch at long-on. But in the same over, a massive mix-up resulted in Ravindra being run out for 61 off 37 balls. Though Jadeja was dropped by Dinesh Karthik off Green, RCB continued to strike as Dube holed out to long-on off Ferguson, while Faf du Plessis took a leaping one-handed catch at mid-off to dismiss Mitchell Santner cheaply.

## DeChambeau empties tank but comes up short at PGA Championship

**Mumbai:** Bryson DeChambeau showed impressive performance in the final round of the PGA Championship, despite coming up short. He started preparing for a playoff after a birdie putt at 18 and a seven-underpar 64, bringing him to 20 under on the week. However, Xander Schauffele sealed the deal with a birdie at the last, crushing DeChambeau's hopes of a second major title. DeChambeau was proud of his handling of adversity and expressed hope for the next couple majors. He managed to string together a bogey-free final round and delivered nearly every shot he needed as the stakes increased deeper into the round. DeChambeau also had good fortune at the par-four 16th, where his tee shot bounced off a tree and into the fairway. DeChambeau went on to make a birdie after his approach shot from 219 yards out settled three feet from the cup, which moved him one shot back of the lead and put a spring in his step.

## Satwik-Chirag clinch men's doubles crown

**New Delhi:** Top seeds and India's star badminton duo Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty clinched their second Thailand Open Super 500 men's doubles crown after beating the Chinese pair of Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi in the summit clash, on Sunday. In what was their fourth final of the season, the world No. 3 Indian pair defeated the world No. 29 Chinese duo in straight games 21-15, 21-15 in 46 minutes, their longest match of the tournament, to claim their second Thailand Open title. The duo haven't dropped a game enroute to their second title of the year, having won the French Open Super 750 tournament in March. Overall, it was their fourth Super 500 crown. The world no. 3 Indian pair, who had won their first Thailand Open crown back in 2019, rarely looked under pressure against their opponents throughout the tournament and showed the same domination in the final as they defeated China's Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi within an hour. Moreover, prior to their tittle-winning match, their lengthiest match all week lasted for just 38 minutes. The Indian pair started the final by opening up a 5-1 lead

before the Chinese had their best phase of the summit clash as they won nine of the next 11 points. But Chirag and Satwik wrested control with some aggressive play and packed the opening game rather easily. The eventual champions always had the upper hand in the second game and just like the first game they won five consecutive points at the end to kick off their trademark celebrations. "Thailand Open has been a special tournament for us as we won our first Super 500 crown here and have won many more tournaments thereafter. We are hoping that this victory will start another winning run for us," said Satwik after clinching the crown. Speaking about their performance in the final, Satwik said they played their best game against their Chinese opponents. "We knew that we cannot relax even for a single point against our opponents as they fight till the end. But we played our best game of the tournament today and controlled the situation very well," he added. The victory also helped the Indian pair earn 9200 ranking points and prize purse of USD 33180 (approx. Rs 27,63,306.40).

## No smiles for Postecoglou until Spurs achieve his 'lofty ambitions'

**Mumbai:** Tottenham Hotspur manager Ange Postecoglou expressed his enjoyment of his first season in charge of the Premier League club but has "lofty ambitions" for the North London side after finishing fifth on the final day of the season. The club beat relegated Sheffield United 3-0 to cement fifth place and qualify for the Europa League, but will be left to wonder what could have been after they had topped the table earlier this season. Postecoglou questioned the club's mentality when they failed to clinch Champions League qualification, saying their foun-

dations were 'fragile' but praised the effort from his side to finish on a high.

Postecoglou replaced Antonio Conte after the Italian was sacked following similar complaints about the team's mentality last year. The Greekborn Australian quickly became a fanfavourite with a blistering start to the season, winning the Manager of the Month award three times in a row. He is not delighted with the way the season ended, but in fairness to the players and staff, they have been in the top five all season in a year where there was a fair bit of upheaval.

## Tvesa's fine 67 sees her rise in German Masters on Ladies European Tour

**Mumbai:** Tvesa Malik fired an eagle on her way to a fine round of 5-under 67 in the third round of the Amundi German Masters, her best round in almost four years on the LET, though she had a 65 in South Africa in February. With this round, she moved from T-55 to T-21 with one round to go. Tvesa, a multiple-time winner on India's Women's Pro Tour, recorded her first international win on the Sunshine Ladies Tour in South Africa at the SuperSport Ladies Challenge in February this year. Pranavi Urs (71) and Diksha Dagar (73), the other two Indians to make the cut, were T-31 and T-43. Four other Indian starters, Vani Kapoor, Amandeep Drall, Sneha Singh, and amateur Avani Prashanth, did not make the cut. Local star Alexandra Forsterling (69) and Austrian Emma Spitz (66) were in shared lead at seven-under-par after 54 holes. Tvesa had four birdies in the first six holes and overall she had an eagle and five birdies against two bogeys. The eagle came on the first hole, her 10th hole, as she started on the tenth. Pranavi had seven birdies against four bogeys and a double, while Diksha had three birdies against four bogeys in her 73. Slovenia's Ana Belac and Germany's Patricia Isabel Schmidt sit one shot further back in a tie for third place on six-under-par. English duo Eleanor Givens and Bronte Law are in a share of fifth place on five-under-par and it was a great day for Givens who fired a 65 (-7). Five players are in a tie for seventh place with Finland's Noora Komulainen, England's Gabriella Cowley, Ireland's Lauren Walsh, Spain's Luna Sobron Galmes, and German amateur Helen Briem all on four-under-par.