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Researchers from MZU discover new Trimeresurus snake species in Mizoram

Aizawl: Prof. H.T. Lalremsanga, a professor from the Zoology department of Mizoram University (MZU), and his research scholars have discovered a new species of Trimeresurus snake in Mizoram to be the first of such species in the country. The new species is called Trimeresurus uetzi. The species, known from central and southern Myanmar, was unrecorded in India. The discovery was made by scientists from Germany, Vietnam, and France in 2023. Trimeresurus uetzi is a cryptic species, difficult to differentiate from or very similar to 'Trimeresurus erythrurus' species. However, DNA and scale examination revealed it as a different species. The new species possesses 21 dorsal mid-body scale rows, a green gold-colored iris, a grass green dorsum, a yellowish-green venter, and lack of red stripes on facial and ventrolateral regions. The discovery in Mizoram has revealed the richness of the state and adjacent region, the meeting point of the Indian Subcontinent and Southeast Asia due to continental drift, in biodiversity. With the discovery of the new species, the record of 20 Trimeresurus species in the country will now rise to 21 species, according to Lalremsanga. He said that there are four Trimeresurus species in Mizoram, including the newly discovered Trimeresurus uetzi and Trimeresurus mayaae, which was discovered from Champhai in 2022.

NDRF teams prepositioned in Cachar, Bongaigaon, Dibrugarh

Guwahati: The Assam government has taken extensive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens in light of the impending increase in rainfall and wind speeds due to Cyclone Remal, which will make landfall on May 26 in West Bengal and Bangladesh and move northwards towards the Northeast. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of extremely heavy rainfall over Assam along with other northeastern states on May 27 and 28. IMD has already issued red alert for extremely heavy rainfall in Chirang, Goalpara, Baksa, Dima Hasao, Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj districts and an orange alert for Dhubri, South Salmara, Bongaigaon, Bajali, Tamulpur, Barpeta, Nalbari, Morigaon, Nagaon, Hojai and West Karbi Anglong districts. Squally winds of



40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph are likely over South Assam and Meghalaya on May 27. According to the IMD bulletin at 5.30 pm on Sunday, the severe cyclonic Storm "Remal" (pronounced as Re-Mal) over the North Bay of Bengal moved nearly northwards, with a speed of 16 kmph during the past 06 hours, slightly intensified further and lay centred at 5.30 pm IST of Sunday over the same region near latitude 21.1°N and longitude 89.2°E about 130 km east-southeast of Sagar

Islands (West Bengal), 140 km southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh), 140 km south-southeast of Canning (West Bengal) and 160 km south-southwest of Mongla (Bangladesh). The minimum distance from the Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coastline is about 70 km. "The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) has ramped up preparations along with other departments, agencies, and district administrations..."

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CM draws parallel between Punjab and NE insurgency

Mumbai: Assam Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, addressing a political rally in Faridkot, Punjab on Sunday drew parallels between the historical struggles of Punjab and the Northeast region of India, emphasizing shared experiences of insurgency and subsequent development. Reflecting on the

tumultuous past of both regions, Sarma highlighted the era when Punjab and the Northeast grappled with insurgency, drawing comparisons between the frequency of violence and loss of lives in the two areas. He underscored the remarkable transformation witnessed by India...

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Severe cyclone 'Remal' barrels towards Bengal coast

Kolkata: Severe cyclonic storm 'Remal' has intensified and is expected to make landfall between the coasts of Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal around Sunday midnight, prompting the evacuation of over 1 lakh people from vulnerable areas of the state to safety. Bengal's coastal areas have been put on high alert as the cyclone, accompanied by high-velocity winds, has already triggered rain in several parts of the state.

According to an India Meteorological Department (IMD) bulletin, the 'Remal' was centred 160 km south-southeast of Sagar Island at 6pm. The cyclone, which has a maximum sustained wind speed of 100-110 kmph, gusting to 120 kmph, is likely to hit land between Sagar Islands in West Bengal and Khepupara near Mongla port in Bangladesh by Sunday midnight, officials said. By 3 pm...

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Cyclone Remal: PM Modi holds review meeting ahead of landfall

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday held a meeting to review the response and preparedness of the administration ahead of the cyclone Remal, which is set to make a landfall by midnight between Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts. According to IMD, the deep depression in the Bay of Bengal transformed into a cyclone on Saturday evening. Met department chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, the cyclone is centred in the Bay of Bengal 200 KMs south of Canning town in West Bengal. It is moving towards the north and will continue to hit the coast between Sagar



Island of West Bengal and Khepupara of Bangladesh. Rainfall started in coastal regions. The precipitation has already started in the coastal districts which will intensify and exceed 25 cm today, he added. In addition to that, heavy rainfall of 7-10 cm has been predicted by IMD in Odisha's Bhadrak, Balasore, Kendrapara and Mayurbhanj districts. Taking the...

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6 die as Cyclone Remal ravages Bengal; heavy rain to continue

Kolkata: Two people died in West Bengal and its coastal areas after Cyclone Remal tore through the state and neighboring Bangladesh with wind speeds reaching 135 km per hour. The cyclone caused extensive damage to infrastructure and property, with roofs of thatched huts blown away, uprooted trees blocking roads, and electricity poles knocked down, causing significant power disruption in various parts of the state. Suburban train services from the Sealdah terminal station were partially suspended for at least three hours, while flight services at the Kolkata airport resumed after being suspended for 21 hours. The state government has initiated relief operations, providing food, drinking water, and medical assistance to the affected people. The authorities have urged residents to remain indoors and take necessary precautions until the heavy rain persists.

INDIA bloc has already won 272 seats in six phases of polls: Cong

New Delhi: Media Chairman of the All India Congress Committee Pawan Khera said here on Sunday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was lowering the level and dignity of his post. He attributed it to the frustration over the prospects of defeat. "The history of Congress has been very golden in Varanasi, we grew up listening to the name of Pandit Kamlapati Tripathi and stories of his principles, but we have never heard of the level of any prime minister of the country falling so

much that a word like 'mujra' is used for the opposition," he said. Khera further said that the Opposition INDIA bloc has already won 272 seats in the six phases of elections and, now the number of seats it gets will be a bonus. Addressing a press conference in the PM's constituency, Khera said, "If the prime minister is not ill, then what? If you are sick, get treatment and if you are tired, take a rest. Go back to Gujarat, why are you spreading..."

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Rahul Gandhi cannot get a job on merit: Himanta

Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister and BJP leader Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has accused Rahul Gandhi of forming the government in Himachal Pradesh by telling lies. Sarma stated that the youth of the country are attracted to schemes like Agniveer, citing the large number of applicants for the program. He added that the people of India are unlikely to give Rahul Gandhi another

opportunity in the future. Himanta Biswa Sarma said, "... The youth of our country like schemes like Agniveer, and that is why lakhs of people are coming for interviews to become Agniveer... The people of the country are not going to give a chance to Rahul Gandhi... He formed the government in Himachal by telling lies...Rahul cannot do anything..."

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India likely to receive abovenormal monsoon rain this year

New Delhi: India's core monsoon zone, which covers most rain-fed agriculture areas, is predicted to receive above-normal rainfall this season, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). The region includes Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Mizoram, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. The IMD predicts normal rainfall in June, with normal to above-normal maximum tem-

peratures expected in the country. However, normal rainfall does not guarantee uniform distribution of rain across the country due to climate change increasing variability. The monsoon is crucial for India's agricultural landscape, with 52% of the net cultivated area relying on it. Water storage in 150 major reservoirs in India dropped to 24% of their live storage last week, exacerbating water shortages and affecting hydropower generation.

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Residents in the coastal regions of Bengal, urging them to adhere to the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for cyclones. The cyclone has already caused light rain and winds in areas like Digha, Kakdwip, and Jaynagar, which are expected to intensify on Monday. IMD's eastern regional head Somnath Dutta said from Sunday evening, districts in south Bengal would experience squally winds of 45-55 kmph, gusting to 65 kmph, affecting Kolkata, Howrah, Hooghly, and Purba Medinipur. "This will gradually increase to gale wind speed, reaching 70 to 80 kmph gusting to 90

kmph," he told reporters. Dutta warned that surface wind speeds in coastal areas of West Bengal could reach 100-120 kmph, gusting to 135 kmph from Sunday evening to Monday morning. However, he mentioned that the damage caused by 'Remal' would be less severe compared to the destruction wrought by Super Cyclone Amphan in 2020. Amphan, which was categorised as a super cyclone, had made landfall on May 20 in 2020 over Sagar Island and caused widespread destruction in Kolkata, South and North 24 Parganas, Howrah and Nadia.

Modi will not become PM again, says Rahul in Bihar

Patna: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for using central agencies such as CBI, ED and IT against opposition leaders across the country and said that PM Modi has brought the story of 'Parmatma' to save himself from these agencies after the Lok Sabha elections. "You know why he (Modi) has brought this story of 'Parmatma' (God)? Because after the Lok Sabha elections, when ED will ask Narendra Modi about Adani, he will say, I don't know, I was asked to do so by 'Parmatma'," Rahul said while addressing a rally in Patna Saib Lok Sabha constituency in Bihar. He asked PM Modi to stop talking about such things in his election speeches. "Stop giving long speeches and dividing the country. First, tell me how many jobs you have given to the people of Bihar and to the country in the last 10 years," Rahul asserted. The Congress leader further claimed that Modi would not remain the PM after the election results come out on June 4. "You can note it down that Narendra Modi is not going to become the PM for the next term," he said to the gathering amid applause from the crowd. He claimed that there was a 'toofan' (wave) in favour of the 'INDIA' bloc in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Earlier, in another rally in Bihar, Gandhi said that if 'INDIA' bloc comes to power, each woman mem-



ber of a family would have Rs.8,500 deposited to their accounts per month. He also reiterated the promise of jobs for graduates in the country. He also announced that if the alliance is voted to power, they would scrap the 'Agniveer' scheme and restore the earlier provision of appointment which ensures permanent appointment to soldiers. Unemployment and price rise are the two main issues to be addressed on a priority level at the centre, Gandhi said adding that the 30 lakh posts lying vacant in different departments of the union government will be filled up after the formation of the INDIA coalition government. "Tejashwi Yadav has given 5 lakh jobs to people in Bihar... the INDIA government at the centre will fill around 30 lakh posts lying vacant... We will do it soon after the results of the Lok Sabha elections are declared," he said. Congress has fielded Anshul Avijit as its candidate from the Patna Sahib seat, which is considered a BJP bastion. He is pitted against veteran parliamentarian and BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad, who is seeking his re-election from the seat. In 2014 and 2019, Shatrughna Singh of BJP had won from the seat.

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Muck in Indian politics? Now, the lotus is not going to bloom, spread as much mud as you want." "If you come to Varanasi, you can see the complete civilization and culture of India, and today both the country and Varanasi are feeling ashamed after hearing such words from the mouth of the representative of this holy land," he added. "Sometimes they say Congress people would snatch away the Mangalsutra, they would snatch away the buffalo, at others, they

attack the Hindus and Muslims, tell the Opposition parties to do Mujra, what is all this? The representative here is insulting every voter of Varanasi," he contended. Khera said the culture of Modi and the BJP is such that when Saheb came in 2014, he retired Advani ji and said that you are not needed, sit at home. Just a few days ago, through Nadda ji, it was informed that now there is no need of RSS." First, Modi promised jobs and reduced inflation. He gained power by prom-

ising to end atrocities on women, and took votes from the people of Varanasi but is giving all the work to Gujaratis, he alleged, adding that today two youths are committing suicide in the country every day, 30 farmers are committing suicide in a day, four women are raped in an hour. He asked are these the good days Modiji had promised. The Congress leader was in Varanasi to seek support for Congress candidate Ajay Rai, who is pitted against PM in the last phase of elections.

Cyclone Remal: PM Modi holds review meeting ahead of landfall

Cyclone Remal has caused significant damage in West Bengal, coastal Bangladesh, Tripura, and other northeastern states. The IMD forecasted that the cyclone will cause rainfall and strong winds. The low-pressure area first observed on May 22 in the Bay of Bengal has intensified into a more depressive system, now located in the North Bay of Bengal. The primary regions affected are West Bengal, Coastal Bangladesh, Tripura, and some other parts of north-eastern states. Residents in these areas and the neighboring state of Tripura are urged to brace for adverse weather conditions starting from May 26.

The Kolkata Airport Authority announced the suspension of flight operations for 21 hours due to Cyclone Remal's landfall. Authorities in West Bengal and Tripura are on guard to prepare for any eventualities arising from the cyclone. A National Disaster Response Force official in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal stated that they are fully prepared to handle any kind of disaster. Authorities in Tripura are closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with the IMD for further developments regarding the cyclonic storm. District Magistrates are advised to follow the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) impact-based advisories and take appropriate measures. NDRF and other teams are ready to evacuate people from low-lying areas to safe shelters and start providing relief if needed.

Rahul Gandhi cannot get a job on merit: Himanta

To feed himself...he has become a burden on his mother." Himanta Biswa Sarma while addressing a rally in Odisha's Patkura on May 27, confidently stated, "I would like to say one thing that BJP govt will take oath on June 10 here. On June 11, we have to send Pandian back to Tamil Nadu." Asserting BJP's stronghold

in Odisha, Sarma declared, "Our government has almost been formed in Odisha. So far, the votes cast show that our government will be formed soon." Emphasising the upcoming victories, he added, "When we win in Kendrapara and Patkura, on the 10th, 11th June, the BJP government will be formed."

Assam Health Minister has felicitated 742 students at a grand program

Nagaon: In a grand felicitation program organized by Assam Health Minister Keshab Mahanta, 742 school students from 68 schools in the Kaliabar Assembly constituency were ceremonially honored at Muktijujaru Bhanu in Kuworitol, Kaliabar, on Sunday. The event saw the presence of noted journalist Prasanta Rajguru as the chief guest alongside Minister Mahanta. The students received their accolades with great enthusiasm, feeling a renewed drive to excel in their studies. Minister Mahanta, who is also the local MLA, addressed the students, urging them to dedicate themselves to their studies to achieve success and contribute to nation-building. He emphasized the importance of hard work and perseverance in his speech. A special meeting was held in conjunction with the felicitation ceremony, chaired by Dr. Uttam Kumar Baruah, the

principal of Kaliabar College. In recognition of outstanding academic performance, Minister Mahanta presented a cheque of Rs 2 lakh to each school in his constituency that achieved a 100% pass rate in both the HSLC (10th grade) and HSSLC (12th grade) exams this year. Prasanta Rajguru, in his speech, congratulated the meritorious students and highlighted the critical role of collective efforts from teachers, students, and their guardians in improving Assam's educational environment. He encouraged students to pursue vocational education alongside formal education to become self-reliant and to prepare for state and national competitive examinations. The event was attended by a large number of students, their guardians, teachers, and members of the public, making it a significant celebration of academic excellence in the region.

CM draws parallel between Punjab and NE insurgency

From a period of uncertainty to one of significant development and progress. Drawing on cultural connections, Sarma noted the historical presence of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the 9th Sikh Guru, in Assam, highlighting the rich tapestry of shared heritage between Punjab and the northeastern state. He emphasized similarities in the teachings of Sikh Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Assam's revered figure, Srimanta Sankardeva, underscoring the deep-rooted cultural affinities between the two regions. Recalling the political journey of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Assam, Sarma recounted the party's initial struggles in gaining electoral traction in both Assam and Punjab. Despite challenges, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the BJP made significant electoral gains, with Assam witnessing a surge in Lok Sabha representation from 2 to 4 MPs in 2014. Through concerted efforts, BJP formed its first government in Assam in 2016, a milestone repeated in the 2021 state elections.

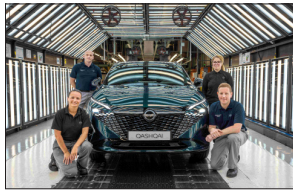
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The ASDMA and revenue & disaster management department have convened meetings with all District Disaster Management Areas (DDMAs) to review their preparedness for potential cyclonic storm Remal. NDRF teams are already prepositioned in Cachar, Bongaigaon, and Dibrugarh, while F&ES HQs have prepared SDRF teams and fire stations. ASDMA has directed DDMAs to review the situation and regulate boat plying in Brahmaputra on May 27 and 28, particularly in Dhubri, Goalpara, SSM, Bongaigaon, Barpeta districts, and Barak and Kusiara Rivers in Barak valley districts. The Guwahati Municipal Corporation has ensured the dilatation of major river channels and other major drains.

Nissan Qashqai, crafted at the world's top plant, revolutionized the crossover segment

Guwahati: Nearly 18 years ago the first Nissan Qashqai rolled off the production line in Sunderland, UK, creating the crossover segment and sending shockwaves around the automotive world. In 2024, the UK's fastest-selling car, with over four million customers across 100 countries, has been upgraded with a bold design and significant technology updates to improve the customer experience.

Nissan is producing the Qashqai electric vehicle in Sunderland, set to be delivered to Nissan dealers across Europe and beyond in the coming weeks. The



latest upgrades required a fresh £30m investment in the plant, building on Nissan's total investment in the UK of £6bn. The refreshed Qashqai arrives as Nissan continues to develop its EV36Zero vision in Sunderland, a blueprint for the future of automotive manufacturing, bringing together electric vehicle manufacturing and battery production, powered by renewables. Adam Pen-

nick, Nissan's Vice President for Manufacturing in the UK, said, "We're so proud to call Sunderland plant the home of the Qashqai."

Sunderland plant undergoes changes for 2024 Qashqai production, investing in new panels, bumpers, paint colors, interior features, materials, and trim. New Qashqai's advanced technology, including advanced driver assistance systems and Google integration into Nissan Connect infotainment, enables seamless interaction between customers' digital life and their vehicle, enhancing the overall experience for customers.

ICICI Prudential Launches ICICI Pru Platinum

Aizawl: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched ICICI Pru Platinum, the Company's first unit-linked product (ULIP) which aligns distributor payouts to their customers' fund value – the distributor commissions are linked to their customers' Assets under Management. This unique product incentivises distributors to encourage their customers to stay invested for the entire policy tenure. Notably, it offers customers a cost and tax-efficient route to build wealth over the long-term.

The company offers value-based distributor payouts to encourage long-term investment behavior and unlimited free asset class switches without cost or tax implications. It offers various Protection and Savings products based on customers' life stage requirements, providing financial safety nets and achieving long-term goals. ICICI Pru Platinum offers unlimited free asset class transfers without any cost or tax implications. Customers can choose from an array of 21 funds under this product, comprising 13 equity and four each in the debt and balanced categories, besides offering an option of four portfolio strategies. Mr. Amit Palta, Chief Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "ICICI Pru Platinum, our Company's first unit-linked product designed to make distributor payouts aligned to their customers' fund value, promoting the long-term interests of both.

Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles accelerates customer care with mega service camp in Tinsukia

Tinsukia: Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles is bringing its highly successful Mega Service Camp to Tinsukia, Assam. Scheduled to take place over two days, on May 31st and June 1st, the service camp aims to cater exclusively to owners of 2019 and 2020 Jawa motorcycles in the region.

Hosted at Shyam Automobiles on Gela Pukhri Road, Tinsukia, the event promises a comprehensive vehicle health check-up and free replacement of select parts for eligible owners. Notably, leading original equipment manufacturers like Motul, Amaron, and Ceat Tyres will be on hand to provide assistance and support. With a keen focus on long-term customer satisfaction, Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles is also offering complimentary extended warranties based on the



motorcycles' health evaluation. Moreover, a designated zone will facilitate owners interested in upgrading their motorcycles to assess exchange values.

Having already serviced over 6250 Jawa motorcycles during the phase I of service camps, Jawa aims to ramp up servicing to approximately 10,000 bikes by the end of June. Looking ahead, the brand plans to organize Mega Service camps in multiple cities across the country in the coming months, reaffirming its commitment to prioritizing customer satisfaction and delivering an unmatched ownership experience.

Eicher Pro 2119 Trucks Hit the Road: STAR Cement Welcomes 50 New Additions

Guwahati: Eicher Trucks and Buses, a division of VE Commercial Vehicles (VECV) Limited, has delivered 50 Eicher Pro 2119 trucks to STAR Cement, a prominent player of the cement industry, and its associates in Guwahati. This is one of the largest single haulage orders received in the Northeast region for Eicher and underscores the company's commitment to providing reliable and efficient transportation solutions tailored for the cement industry in the region.

Eicher Pro 2119 trucks, with a 18.5T Excel GVW, are ideal for secondary distribution operations, ensuring efficiency and reliability in cement last mile transport, offering best-in-class performance.

Gagandeep Singh Gandhok, EVP, HD Truck Business, VECV, said, "We look forward to further strengthening our relationship with STAR Cement and contributing to their success."

Eicher is expanding its dealership network in Northeast India, focusing on customer service and support. Eicher Heavy-Duty vehicles have 100% connectivity and an industry-first Uptime Centre for remote diagnostic solutions. The trucks are also integrated with "My Eicher," a fleet management service that provides insights into fleet performance, including running hours, fuel efficiency, idle time, driver behavior, and training needs.

TATA AIA Life Insurance offers Instant loan within a minute

Aizawl: Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA), one of India's leading insurance companies, has launched a disruptive service proposition for its consumers. Those policyholders looking for emergency funds can avail an instant loan of upto Rs. 1 lakh from their insurance policy without losing any coverage. The loan amount is credited to the consumer's account within 1 minute via the insurer's state-of-the-art MyDigiAccount portal. Since the launch, this digital-first initiative has already processed over 500 requests and disbursed around Rs. 5.5 crores, streamlining liquidity solutions for policyholders.

The facility enables consumers to borrow against the surrender value of select life insurance policies, providing quick access to funds with minimal paperwork and competitive rates. Policyholders can borrow up to Rs.1 lakh without collateral or credit checks, at an 8.80% per annum interest rate. The streamlined process allows consumers to receive their funds within a minute of application, bypassing the delays of traditional loan approvals. Sanjay Arora, Executive Vice President & Head of Operations of Tata AIA, said, "We are proud to be the first in the industry to offer a digital end-to-end processing system for loan payouts. This demonstrates our commitment to leveraging technology to deliver exceptional customer experiences and set new benchmarks in the insurance industry."

Metropolis Healthcare opened its first advanced diagnostic center in Silchar

Silchar: Metropolis Healthcare Limited, India's leading diagnostic service provider, has launched an advanced diagnostic facility in Silchar, Assam. This marks the first Metropolis laboratory in the area, strategically located to provide the community with cutting-edge diagnostic services.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Dr. Tanushree Deb Gupta, MD, Medicine- Assistant Professor, Medicine, Silchar Medical College and Hospital (SMCH), alongside Metropolis Senior members - Dr. Ronica Baruah, Chief of Lab - Assam, and Mr. Rajesh Tripathy, SBU Head- East, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.

The 1,200 sq.ft. facility is equipped to handle over 9,000 samples per month, offering a broad spectrum of tests from basic pathology to sophisticated mo-

lecular diagnostics. Our expertise covers various specialties, including Biochemistry, Immunoassay, Hematology, Clinical Pathology, and more. Mr. Surendran Chemmenkottil, Chief Executive Officer, Metropolis Healthcare Limited said, "This initiative in Silchar aims to strengthen the city's healthcare framework, aligning with our goals to increase service volume and enhance healthcare access across the nation."

Metropolis Healthcare, renowned for its quality accreditations in India and abroad, has developed the Indian Reference Range for an extensive test menu, now used by thousands of laboratories nationwide. The new Metropolis Healthcare Limited lab is located at Metropolis Healthcare Ltd, Main Road, Rangirkhari, LMK: Opp to Ishan Bangla Office, N.S. Avenue, Silchar-788005.

'Solve for Tomorrow' initiative introduces to local students in Dimapur, Nagaland



Dimapur: Samsung, has introduced the first ever design thinking & training workshop in select schools of Dimapur, in Nagaland. This unique initiative, part of Samsung's 'Solve for Tomorrow' programme, focuses on enhancing essential skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, probing, and creativity among students through the Human-Centered Design Thinking framework. Solve for Tomorrow is a national education and innovation competition, which aims to foster a culture of innovation amongst the next generation.

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow is a competition for 14-17 year-olds to submit ideas in the "Community & Inclusion" theme. Semi-finalists will receive

INR 20,000 for prototype development and Samsung Galaxy Tabs, while final five teams will receive INR 1 Lakh for prototype enhancement and Samsung Galaxy Watches. The winning team will be declared the "Community Champion" and receive a seed grant of INR 25 Lakh for prototype advancement. Schools will also receive.

Mr.SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, Samsung Southwest Asia stated, "Samsung Solve for Tomorrow is part of our vision to empower the next generation and create an ecosystem of innovation in the country. We believe that they are the flag-bearers of innovation and require nurturing from a young age".

Kohli, Samson, Bumrah feature in Hayden's IPL team of tournament

New Delhi: Former Australia cricketer Matthew Hayden has named Virat Kohli, Sanju Samson and Jasprit Bumrah in his IPL team of the tournament ahead of the summit clash between Kolkata Knight Riders and Sunrisers Hyderabad at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. The Australian revealed his 12-member team on broadcasters' official X handle on Sunday. He picked Sunil Narine and Travis Head as the openers of his side. Narine has amassed 482 runs including a century and three fifties for Kolkata in the season at the top. On the other hand, Head accumulated 567 runs for the finalist and also notched up a hundred and four half-centuries to become the fourth-highest run-getter in the tournament. The veteran cricketer named Kohli for the no. 3 spot after his stellar IPL season with



Royal Challengers Bengaluru. He finished as the highest run-getter of the tournament after his campaign ended in Eliminator. In 15 games, Kohli slammed 741 runs including a century and five fifties. In the middle order, Hayden chipped in the Rajasthan Royals duo of captain Sanju Samson (531 runs) and Riyan Parag (573 runs), Lucknow Super Giants' Nicholas Pooran (499 runs) and Hyderabad's Heinrich Klaasen (463 runs). In the spin department, Rajasthan's Yuzvendra Chahal (18

wickets) and KKR's Varun Chakaravathy (20 wickets) were named while Mumbai Indians' pacer Jasprit Bumrah (20 wickets) would spearhead the pace bowling department along with Rajasthan's Avesh Khan (19 wickets) and Sandeep Sharma (13 wickets). Hayden's team of the tournament: Sunil Narine, Travis Head, Virat Kohli, Sanju Samson, Nicholas Pooran, Riyan Parag, Heinrich Klaasen, Yuzvendra Chahal, Varun Chakaravathy, Jasprit Bumrah, Avesh Khan, Sandeep Sharma.

After IPL, Rinku eyes T20 World Cup title

Chennai: After tasting a maiden IPL glory, Kolkata Knight Riders batter Rinku Singh has set his goal high and aims to replicate the success in the upcoming T20 World Cup in the West Indies and the USA. KKR thrashed Sunrisers Hyderabad by eight wickets in the summit clash at MA Chidambaram Stadium on Sunday to lift their third IPL title. Rinku is part of the Indian team squad as a reserve along with Shubman Gill, Khaleel Ahmed and Avesh Khan for next month's tournament. "I am headed to Noida first and then I will be going to the United States of America. You guys watch, I will also be lifting the World Cup," Rinku told JioCinema on Match Centre Live. The 26-year-old swashbuckling batter received limited opportunities in the season and contributed 168 runs at a strike rate of 148.67. However, he stuck to his quickfire approach throughout the campaign. Talking about their title-winning journey, Rinku credited the team effort behind their success in the tournament. "You can't credit just one person because everyone has worked hard. Since GG (Gautam Gambhir) sir came, a lot of things have



changed. Sending Sunil early, he batted so well. The batters played well, and the bowling was great. Venky (Venkatesh Iyer) has been batting really well for the last five-six matches, so overall, everyone has done really well," he said. In the final, KKR's spirited bowling effort bundled Hyderabad for 113 as Andre Russell bagged three wickets while Mitchell Starc and Harshit Rana grabbed two scalps apiece. Venkatesh Iyer's unbeaten 52* off 26 balls studded with four fours and three sixes while Rahmanullah Gurbaz scored 39 including five fours and two sixes as KKR chased the target in 10.3 overs. "When you're a part of this squad, not playing or not involved in the field, but supporting the guys all the way, it's always a good feeling, but this is a special feeling. In the XI, playing a part in the Final, contributing as well through my

leadership and everything, it's an exciting feeling. It's special," Russell said. "I always enjoy playing here. Sometimes, you never know what to expect based on how the wicket looks but as professionals, we always have to be up to the task to play on whatever surface we get. At the end of the day, being professional is all about adapting to situations as quickly as possible. To win another trophy here in Chennai, happy days," he added. On his batting technique, Russell said, "It's just me not clearing my front leg too much, standing as still as possible, and waiting as long as possible. Normally, this is my trigger movement, clearing my left leg, so I tried to keep it as still as possible. So, if the bowler bowls wide, I push straight and I have access because I am standing on the off-stump."

ISL Cup winners Mumbai City FC to release 7 players at end of month

Mumbai: Mumbai City FC, winners of the Indian Super League 2023-24 Cup, has announced the release of seven players after their contracts expire at the end of this month. Naocha Singh, Bhaskar Roy, Mohammad Nawaz, Gurkirat Singh, Rowlin Borges, Tondomba Singh, and Jakub Vojtus will leave the club on May 31. Naocha Singh, on loan at Kerala Blasters, won the I-League with Punjab FC in the 2022/23 season. Bhaskar Roy, who joined the club in 2022, will also depart after his contract expires with the Islanders. Mohammad Nawaz, who joined the club from FC Goa on a three-year deal, made 28 appearances and kept eight clean sheets during his time at the club. Gurkirat Singh will also leave the Islanders after the end of his three-year contract. Rowlin Borges, who was an integral part of the ISL double-winning squad in 2020/21, will conclude his five-year stint with Mumbai City FC at the end of this month. Tondomba Singh, on loan at Delhi FC, will leave the club after four seasons. Jakub Vojtus, who joined the team in March 2024 on a short-term contract, will also depart upon the expiration of his contract.

Yuki Bhambri attains career-best world no. 52 ATP doubles ranking

Paris: India's Yuki Bhambri has reached a career-best world no. 52 in the ATP doubles rankings after a runner-up finish at the ATP 250 Lyon Open. He jumped two places to be on the 52nd place with 1692 points. The top 100 Indians in the doubles ATP rankings include Rohan Bopanna, N.Sriram Balaji, Vijay Sundar Prashanth, Anirudh Chandrasekar, and Arjun Kadhe. Yuki and his French partner Albano Olivetti reached the finals of the Lyon Open, defeating top seeds in the semifinal and fourth seed in the opening round. However, they narrowly lost to Henry Patten and Harri Heliövaara in a thrilling final match.

Knight Riders outplay SRH to grab IPL for the 3rd time



Mumbai: Mitchell Starc, a champion left-arm fast bowler, put his team, Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), in command with two strikes in his opening burst. His teammates, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Venkatesh Iyer, secured the third IPL title with a dominating display with the bat. Iyer, who had 318 runs before the fall of Sunil Narine, did not spare anyone, and Gurbaz made a solid 39 off 32 balls with 5 x 4s and 2 x 6s. In the presence of 33,061 spectators, KKR crossed the finishing line—a target of 114—in 63 balls, with Iyer unbeaten on 52 (26b, 4 x 4s, 3 x 6s).

Starc was declared the Man of the Match. Bought at a staggering and all-time most expensive IPL player at Rs.24.75 crore, Starc began with an analysis of 4-0-511-0 in the first match against the Sunrisers and 4-0-47-0 in the second match against

the Royal Challengers Bengaluru. He showed his class in the next three matches but went for 50 and 55 runs in the next two against the Rajasthan Royals and RCB. The Australian ran into form with a 4 for 33 against Mumbai Indians. However, what mattered most to his team was his 3 for 34 against the Sunrisers in the qualifier 1 match in Ahmedabad.

In the tournament final against a team that KKR was playing for the third time in the Tata-IPL-17, Starc ran amok, taking the wicket of left-hander Abhishek Sharma in the fifth ball of the first over after Pat Cummins chose to bat upon winning the toss. The Sunrisers' score looked dismal in the first six over powerplay, but a small partnership of 23 between Cummins and Jaydev Unadkat took the team past the 100-run mark.

Diksha lies ninth in LET Order of Merit

Mumbai: Diksha Dagar was lying ninth on the Ladies European Tour's Order of Merit after a creditable T-20 finish at the Jabra Ladies Open. Diksha, who had rounds of 72-72 in the first two rounds, shot even par 71 on the final day for a total of 2-over 215. Diksha had two birdies and two bogeys at Evian Resort Golf Club in France. Diksha, who was third last year on the Order of Merit, is ninth with a good part of the season and some big events still to come. It was Diksha's fifth Top-20 finish, three of which have been Top-20. She has also had two other Top25 finishes. Overall in nine starts, she has been Top-25 seven times and missed the cut only once. Diksha, who plays next week in Sweden for the Dormy Open Helsingborg, was the only Indian of the six to make the cut this week. Morgane Metraux of Switzerland overcame a shaky start to

the final round on Saturday to claim her second Ladies European Tour title. After completing a second round of seven-under-par 64 on Saturday morning, Metraux bogeyed three of her first four holes in the final round and her six-stroke lead was down to just one stroke after 12. However, her closest challenger, Agathe Sauzon of France, missed the green and dropped a shot on the 13th. Metraux took her opportunity and birdied the next three holes, starting with a near hole-out on the tough par-3 14th. The round of one-over 72 gave Metraux a winning total of 10-under-par and a three-shot victory over Sauzon and Swiss compatriot Chiara Tamburlini. Ireland's Lauren Walsh ended three strokes further back in solo fourth. In the Order of Merit, Metraux jumps to 11th on 525.94 points. Her compatriot, Tamburlini, moves to third on 1,109.10 points.