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Body of a missing child found, search on for other child

Pune: Rescue teams on Monday morning recovered the body of one of the two missing children, who along with three other family members got swept away at a waterfall near the Bhushi Dam in Pune's Lonavala area, officials said. Search was on for the other missing child, they said. On Sunday, a group of persons got swept away by the gushing water caused by intense rainfall in the region. After the tragic incident, the rescue teams on Sunday recovered the bodies of a 36-year-old woman and two minor girls.

Police, Navy divers and other rescue teams on Monday resumed the search for the two missing children and recovered the body of Mariya Ansari (9) from a reservoir near the accident spot, a senior official from Pune rural police said. Search was still on for the other missing child - Adnan Sabhahat Ansari (4), he said. A heart-wrenching video of the incident showed a group of 9-10 persons, including those who lost their lives, stranded in the middle of a stream with flood waters gushing down and crying for help while their relatives and other people asking them to hold on to each other. A s t h e w a t e r f l o w increased, first a woman carrying a small boy, and another girl were seen getting swept



away. Later, the remaining persons were also swept away in the waters. A search team on Sunday recovered the bodies of Shahista Liaquat Ansari (36), Amima Adil Ansari (13) and Umera Adil Ansari (8) from the reservoir downstream. According to the police, 16-17 members of a family from Sayyad Nagar in Pune's Hadapsar area had hired a private bus to visit the scenic spot near Lonavala for a picnic on the rainsoaked Sunday. Members of the Ansari family went to see the waterfall close to the Bhushi Dam but were caught unawares when the water flow rose

due to intense rain in the area and were swept away, a police official said on Sunday. A relative said the family members travelled from Mumbai for a wedding a couple of days ago. On Sunday, more than 15 members hired a bus to go to Lonavala for a picnic, he said. As the monsoon season begins, thousands of visitors flock the Bhushi and Pavana dam areas in Pune, often disregarding warnings from the police and local authorities to avoid unknown areas. A police officer estimated that more than 50,000 people visited Lonavala on Sunday.

'No mention of minorities in Prez's address, disappointed'

New Deldi: Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday expressed disappointment over President Droupadi Murmu's address and said it was only filled with praise for the government, ignoring the foundational issues such as the lack of provision for the weakest sections of the society. The president's address is drafted by the government, the Congress chief said. "There are MPs and parties in the House who have problems with the slogan of 'Jai Samvidhan' being raised," he said. He was replying to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. "There was no vision and direction" in the President's joint address to Parliament, Kharge said. He said that there was no mention of poor, Dalits and minorities in President's address. Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said Opposition parties talk about the plight of common man, while Modiji does only 'Mann

Ki Baat'. The Congress president also attacked the prime minister for not visiting Manipur, which has been burning from the last one year, and said he is an expert in only giving slogans. Accusing PM Modi of trying to divide society through his speeches during the polls, he said no prime minister has done this before. Further, Mallikarjun Kharge urged the Rajya Sabha chairman to restore s t a t u e s o f M a h a t m a Gandhi and BR Ambedkar to their original places in Parliament complex. The statues have been relocated to Prerna Sthal, a dedicated area at the back of the complex. The decision has been strongly criticised by Opposition parties, who are demanding a rollback. NDTV reported that Kharge went head-to-head with Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju over the Prerna Sthal issue, which refers to moving statues of national icons, including Mahatma Gandhi, from the front to the back.

Lt General Devendra Sharma takes over as new Army Training Command Chief

New Delhi: Lt Gen Devendra Sharma took over as the 25th General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Shimla-based, Army Training Command (ARTRAC) on 01 Jul 2024. Lt Gen Devendra Sharma took over as the 25th General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Shimla-based, Army Training Command (ARTRAC) on 01 Jul 2024. Gen Devendra Sharma is an alumnus of Mayo College, Ajmer, National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy.

A recipient of the coveted 'Sword of Honour' the General was commissioned into 'THE SCINDE HORSE' on 19 Dec 1987. In an illustrious career spanning almost four decades, the General has tenanted im-

portant Command appointments in varied sensitive operational sectors, counter-terrorism environments and high-altitude terrain. He has commanded 'THE SCINDE HORSE', an Armoured Brigade as part of the Strike Corps, an Infantry Division and a Corps on the Western Front. The General was Chief of Staff, HQ Western Command prior to taking over as GOC-in-C, ARTRAC. The General has been an instructor at the prestigious National Defence Academy, a Staff Officer of Operations in the Indian Military Training Team, Bhutan and a Chief Military Personnel Officer, at the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The General has attended various prestigious

courses such as Defence Services Staff College, Higher Defence Management Course and Advance Professional Programme in Public Administration.

For his exemplary leadership and devotion to duty towards the nation, the General was conferred with the award of Ati Vishist Seva Medal on 26 January 2022. A recipient of the Sena Medal for gallantry, he has also been awarded with Central Army Commander's Commendation Card and the UN Force Commander's Appreciation for his distinguished service. On assuming Command, the General Officer extended his greetings to all ranks of ARTRAC, Veer Naris, Veterans and Defence civilian employees as well as their families.

Arvind Kejriwal challenges arrest by CBI in Delhi HC



New Delhi: The Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal on Monday knocked on the doors of the High Court challenging his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the excise policy case. Kejriwal also challenged the Rouse Avenue Court's June 26 order by which he was remanded to three-day custody of the CBI. On June 29, the trial court's vacation judge Sunena Sharma remanded Kejriwal to 14 days of judicial custody till July 12. Along with the remand order, Kejriwal has also challenged the trial court's observation that his arrest was not illegal. According to Delhi HC's staff and registry, Kejriwal's plea is likely to come up for hearing within 2-3 days. The CBI arrested Kejriwal on June 26 from Tihar jail, where he was in judicial custody for his alleged involvement in a money-laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the same excise policy case.

Bengaluru reports first dengue death this season, 213 new cases

Bengaluru: A 27-year-old youth has died of dengue fever in Bengaluru, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) health bulletin confirmed on Monday. This is the first dengue-related fatality in Bengaluru this year. Five dengue-related deaths have been reported from other districts, including Hassan, Shivamogga, Dharwad, and Haveri. On Friday, the BBMP suspected that the youth and an 80-year-old woman had died due to dengue in the state capital. A total of 1,742 dengue cases were reported in the city till June.

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The city has seen a high number of dengue cases among females, especially pregnant women and children. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, who recently recovered from dengue himself, spearheaded a 'Dry Day' campaign to raise awareness among people "to ensure that there was no stagnant water in their homes and surroundings as it can act as a breeding ground for mosquitoes".

Nagaland police launch training and awareness drive on new criminal laws

Kohima: Nagaland Police have taken different initiatives regarding implementation of New Criminal Laws on July 1, 2024. An official report said on Tuesday that all the units of Nagaland Police were instructed in advance to conduct training of investigation officers, instrumental into implementation of these laws. An effort was made to translate the important portion of all three new criminal laws namely, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanchita 2023 (BNSs) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyan 2023 (BSA) to sensitize public in their own dialect. The investigation officers (IOs) have been asked to conduct rallies and seminars for creating awareness amongst the general public, the official report also said. Initiatives such as seminars on new laws were conducted for police personnel at police station level, ward members, students, NGOs and village elders. Pamphlets and documentary materials were distributed. Banners in local dialects were displayed at town areas. It has been ensured to have partnership of all important stakeholders of society, the official report added.

Star Cement unites with rising star of Indian cricket Riyan Parag

Guwahati: Star Cement, a pioneer in the cement manufacturing industry, proudly announces the appointment of Riyan Parag, a rising star in Indian cricket, as its new Brand Ambassador. This partnership reflects Star Cement's deep bond with the Northeast region and its commitment to excellence and community engagement. This strategic collaboration marks a significant step for Star Cement in bolstering its brand identity. As an Indian Cricket Team player from Guwahati, Assam, Riyan Parag symbolizes the spirit and aspirations of the Northeast, making him a perfect fit for the brand. Through this partnership, Star Cement hopes to inspire the youth of the region and beyond, emphasizing the shared values of strength, resilience, and quality. The agreement was signed between Riyan Parag & Pradeep Purohit, Chief Operating Officer, Star Cement Ltd in Mumbai in



the presence of Dibyajyoti Guha, Brand Head of Star Cement. On behalf of Star Cement, Cornerstone Sports and Entertainment facilitated the association between Riyan Parag and the brand. Commenting on this development, Pradeep Purohit, Chief Operating Officer, added, "Our roots are deeply intertwined with the land and people of the Northeast. Riyan Parag's association brings special significance." Riyan Parag, known for his remarkable cricket performances, brings youthful

energy to Star Cement. His journey from a young talent in Guwahati, Assam, to a celebrated cricketer mirrors Star Cement's growth and success. Riyan shared his excitement, stating, "I'm honoured to partner with Star Cement, a brand that embodies strength, resilience, and quality—qualities that resonate deeply with me as a sportsperson. Being from the Northeast, this collaboration holds special significance. Together, we hope to inspire and connect with audiences nation-

wide." Reflecting on Star Cement's bond with the Northeast, Pradeep Purohit added, "This collaboration with Riyan Parag is a significant milestone for Star Cement. His growing popularity and inspiring journey as a young Indian Cricket Team Player will undoubtedly enhance our brand's reach and engagement. Riyan's association will reinforce our position as a leader in the cement industry, reflecting our values of strength, reliability, and unwavering commitment to quality."

Tiger causes traffic disruption on NH 37 in Kaziranga

Guwahati: A tiger was seen near National Highway 37 in Kaziranga National Park, leading to a traffic standstill. Authorities managed the situation, ensuring the safety of both the tiger and the public. Traffic on National Highway 37 near Haldibari in Kaziranga National Park came to a standstill today as a tiger was spotted taking shelter on the roadside. The tiger, which had wandered out of the park in search of food, was seen near the highway while on his way to the Karbi Hills. Authorities from the forest department and local administration swiftly responded to the situation, managing the traffic and ensuring the safety of both the tiger and the public. The sighting caused significant disruption, with vehicles backed up for miles as officials worked to coax the tiger back into the park. Witnesses reported the tiger appeared calm but alert, likely seeking refuge after leaving its natural habitat.

Arunachal's Deputy CM Chowna Mein felicitated by VIPRA Foundation

Itanagar: During the 'Swasti Kaamna Samaroh' ceremony, Deputy CM Chowna Mein highlighted significant development plans for Parshuram Kund. The project aims to boost tourism and socio-economic activities in Arunachal Pradesh.

The VIPRA Foundation felicitated Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein during the 'Swasti Kaamna Samaroh' ceremony which was held at Dr Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi on July 2. Marking the ongoing development of the sacred Parshuram Kund, the union also felicitated Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Bhagirath Chaudhary along with several newly elected MPs. Addressing the event, Deputy CM Chowna Mein expressed gratitude to the people for their support and faith in re-electing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to power for

the third consecutive time. He noted that the continued support has enabled the Government to consistently work towards fostering development all across the nation.

He said that the development of the Parshuram Kund is one of such projects that the government of India has prioritised in Arunachal Pradesh under the PRASHAD scheme. Recalling one of the significant milestones associated with the pilgrimage project, Mein highlighted the long-term efforts of the VIPRA Foundation in promoting and developing the site, with the donation of a 51 ft bronze statue of Lord Parshuram, whose foundation stone was laid by Union Minister Amit Shah back in May 2022.

Commenting on the progress of the installation of the statue, Mein stated that an onsite inspection undertaken by him revealed the foundation work to be completed, with the retaining wall on the hillside currently under construction, expected to be completed

within a month. "I have instructed the department to commence the landscaping and beautification at the earliest, along with the construction of the approach road", Mein added. Mein further informed the gathering that the Arunachal Pradesh Government has approved the "Construction of River Front in Parshuram Kund in Lohit District" under NESIDS (OTRI) with a project cost of Rs 50 crore during the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) meeting on June 26, 2024. This proposal will be submitted to the Ministry of DONER, Government of India, for sanctioning at the earliest. Additionally, the state government will provide an additional Rs 50 crore for the development of Parshuram Kund. The project envisages constructing a river front spanning 200 meters on the left bank of the Lohit River along the Mela Ground of Parshuram Kund. It includes components such as lawns, walkways, a ramp for vertical movement, a viewing

deck, an outdoor amphitheater, a viewing tower, and a ritual deck for ash immersion by devotees. The development project aims to create a recreational space for the devotees attending the 'holy dip' Mela at the Sacred Kund, on occasion of Makar Sankranti in January, which attracts more than 100,000 pilgrims. The project is expected to boost interstate tourism and uplift the socio-economic activities in the area. Mein also expressed optimism that with the support of the Minister of Tourism, government of India, stakeholders as the VIPRA Foundation and International Society for Parshuram Consciousness and the well-wishers, Parshuram Kund will be transformed into one of the largest pilgrimage sites in the Northeast region in the coming days. The event was also attended by Sushil Ojha, Founder of VIPRA Foundation, Organizing Chairman Ratan Sharma, Organization General Secretary, Jodhpur Zone, Rahul Sharma, Patron and others.

Lisa Takes Center Stage with 'Rockstar' - New Single and Video Out Now!

Aizawl: LISA (Lalisa Manobal) releases her new single, "Rockstar," via LLOUD Co./ RCA Records. "Rockstar" showcases LISA's ability to effortlessly flow between dexterous raps and high-energy pop vocals as she sings, "Gold teeth sitting on the dash she a rockstar. Make your favorite singer wanna rap baby lala." The new single was produced by Ryan Tedder and Sam Homaae. Listen to "Rockstar" HERE. LISA has released the official video for "Rockstar," directed by Henry Schofield

and choreographed by Sean Bankhead. "Rockstar" is LISA's first solo single. The video, shot in Bangkok, showcases Lisa's authentic Thai culture and street life, showcasing her true rockstar spirit with captivating choreography. LISA teased her new single on social media, setting a Guinness World Record by gaining 1 million followers in 2 hours and 18 minutes. The single was announced last week to fanfare and excitement from Rolling Stone, Billboard, and other publications.

Minister Jayant Chaudhary highlights entrepreneurial training at NIESBUD

Guwahati: Jayant Chaudhary, Union Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, visited the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) today, commending the extensive entrepreneurial training initiatives underway. Over 3000 ex-servicemen have undergone training at NIESBUD, reflecting its commitment to fostering entrepreneurship. Chaudhary interacted with trainees and trainers and visited an exhibition showcasing products made by jail inmates and successful entrepreneurs. These exhibits, part of EDP training

in Lucknow and Varanasi jails, demonstrate the transformative impact of skill development. The Programme (EDP) under the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence. This initiative equips retiring Armed Forces personnel with entrepreneurial skills for gainful post-retirement employment. Chaudhary praised their dedication and resilience. Master Trainers from Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Haryana are also being trained under the World Bank-funded SANKALP Scheme at NIESBUD, focusing on capacity building and mentoring new

entrepreneurs. Additionally, Chaudhary reviewed a program for Fair Price Shop owners, designed in collaboration with the Department of Food and Public Distribution, covering aspects of entrepreneurship, credit sources, and digital marketing. In Kolkata, the entrepreneurial spirit is thriving. Local markets are increasingly turning to NIESBUD for training and mentorship. Entrepreneurs are focusing on digital marketing and global trends to stay competitive. This surge in interest highlights the importance of entrepreneurship in driving economic growth in the region.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor celebrates historic GreenCo Gold Rating for Rajesh Toyota

Imphal: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) proudly announced that its dealership, Rajesh Toyota, has been awarded the prestigious GreenCo Gold Rating by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Green Business Centre. This recognition marks Rajesh Toyota as the first automotive dealership in India to receive this accolade, reflecting its commitment to sustainable eco practices. The award ceremony, held recently in Chennai, celebrated Rajesh Toyota's exceptional achievements in environmental sustainability, waste management, and water conservation, aligning with Toyota's Environmental Challenge 2050 (TEC 2050).

Rajesh Toyota has implemented significant measures, including reducing scope 1 and 2 emissions by 31.27% from 2019 levels and achieving 90.5% renewable energy usage. digital promotions have cut waste generation per vehicle by 20.3%. The installation of an Effluent Treatment Plant ensures zero liquid discharge, enhancing their eco-friendly credentials. Mr. B. Padmanabha, Executive Vice President of TKM, emphasized the importance of driving positive change and setting benchmarks in environmental sustainability. "It is a proud moment that our dealer partner Rajesh Toyota is the first automotive dealership in India to receive the CII GreenCo Gold Rating award. This achievement motivates us to continue supporting and encouraging sustainable practices." Mr. Sharvik Shah, Dealer Principal of Rajesh Toyota, expressed his gratitude and commitment to furthering environmental stewardship. "This prestigious award represents our team's dedicated efforts to integrate eco-friendly practices into every aspect of our operations. We look forward to continuing our journey towards greater environmental responsibility."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Introduces the URBAN CRUISER TAISOR SUV



Guwahati: The All-New Toyota URBAN CRUISER TAISOR is Toyota Kirloskar Motor's latest addition to its robust SUV lineup in India. This dynamic SUV seamlessly blends style, advanced features, and power-packed performance, making it a perfect choice for Indian customers seeking both prestige and practicality. With its modern styling and cutting-edge technologies, the URBAN CRUISER TAISOR reinforces Toyota's commanding presence in the SUV category. Toyota's "T GLOSS" brand offers high-quality car detailing services for the All-New Urban Cruiser Taisor, including ceramic coating, underbody coating, silencer coating, and internal panel protection, aimed at enhancing the vehicle's appearance and providing environmental protection. Toyota has launched its second Company Owned Toyota Used Car Outlet (TUCO) in New Delhi, under the brand

name "Toyota U-Trust," to provide customers with high-quality, safe used cars while ensuring convenience, transparency, and peace of mind during the buying and selling process. The Toyota Smiles Plus package offers customizable prepaid maintenance and a 3-year/100,000 km warranty. The starting price for the product is ₹7,73,500, with bookings starting at ₹11,000 and deliveries starting in May 2024. The Toyota SUV boasts distinctive exteriors, featuring a premium front grille, 16" machined alloy wheels, and dynamic All Black Painted Alloy Wheels on S+ and G variants, and offers exceptional performance and fuel efficiency in 1.0L Turbo, 1.2L Petrol, and E-CNG options. The Toyota iCONNECT system offers advanced technology for a convenient travel experience. The vehicle also offers comprehensive safety features like 6 airbags and EBD.

Khanna launches new campaign #FindYourGood

Guwahati: Honest Tea, a ready-to-drink beverage with organic green tea announces their newest #FindYourGood campaign in collaboration with celebrated author, columnist, and wellness enthusiast Twinkle Khanna. The newly launched film depicts Twinkle Khanna finding her calm amidst daily chaos, with #HonestTea, made from organic green tea, sourced from the famous Makaibari Tea estate. Honest Tea is launching a campaign to encourage people to define their own way of relaxation, offering two delicious flavors: Lemon-Tulsi and Mango. The campaign will be launched through social films and digital activations, with a campaign film created by WPP Open



X. The film captures a relatable moment where Twinkle confronts her to-do list, enjoying a cup of Honest tea and stating, "it's up to you to decide what's good for you." Twinkle Khanna said, "Stimulated by the importance of finding joy and balance in the everyday, Honest Tea's campaign strives to bring about a positive transformation in the well-being of the

modern woman." Honest Tea is currently available on e-commerce platforms in select cities- Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune and Gurgaon, at the price point of Rs 60. For more details visit Honest Tea's Instagram page - @honestteaIndia. The campaign film can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ISckb3ZUg4>.

Galaxy Unpacked July 2024: Embrace the Future with Galaxy AI

Guwahati: The next frontier of Galaxy AI is coming. Prepare to discover the power of Galaxy AI, now infused into the latest Galaxy Z series and the entire Galaxy ecosystem. Get ready for a world of possibilities as we enter a new phase of mobile AI. On July 10, Samsung

Electronics will host Galaxy Unpacked in Paris — where the iconic cultural nexus and trend epicenter becomes the perfect backdrop for the rollout of our latest cutting-edge innovations. The event will be streamed live on Samsung.com, Samsung Newsroom and Sam-

sung's YouTube channel at 3 p.m. CEST, 6 a.m. PDT, 9 a.m. and EDT. Stay tuned for upcoming teasers, trailers, and updates on Unpacked 2024 at news.samsung.com/global. The link for the Galaxy Unpacked July 2024 can be found at <https://youtu.be/igdWI2MAgPI>.

Definitely one of the greatest, hard to say in words: Sharma

Bridge Town: India skipper Rohit Sharma has described the prospect of securing the 2024 T20 World Cup title as the pinnacle of his career and said winning matches and trophies for India has always been his foremost aspiration. In a battle between two unbeaten sides in the final, Men in Blue sealed T20 World Cup glory after an epic duel against South Africa with a seven-run win on Saturday night. However, after leading his side to ultimate glory, Rohit and Virat Kohli confirmed that they played their final international in the shortest format of the game. In the post-game press conference, when asked if it was the best moment of his career, Rohit agreed it was certainly up there with the highlights thus far. "This has to be the greatest time, I can say that. It's only because how desperately I wanted to win this. So, all the runs—all the runs that I've scored in all these years, I think it does matter, but I'm not big on stats and all of that. "I think winning games for India and winning trophies for India, that is what I look forward to all the time. And having this now right beside me probably has to be, I don't know, honestly, I don't know if it's the greatest or what but it is definitely one of the greatest, I can say that."



wanted this badly. It's very hard to put it in words because that moment, I don't want to say what I was thinking and what was going in my mind, but it was a very emotional moment personally for me. I wish I could capture that moment myself but not really, you can't do that but I will always remember that." He brought the trophy to the press conference and dedicated the T20 World Cup triumph to head coach Rahul Dravid for his contribution to the sport and said "this was the only thing that was missing in his cabinet".

"More than any one of us, I think he deserved that trophy. What he has done for Indian cricket for the past 20-25 years, I think this was the only thing that was missing in his cabinet. I am very happy from all of us on behalf

of the entire team that we could actually do this for him." The 37-year-old further revealed that he had made it very clear that regardless of the pitch conditions, the team must focus on scoring runs and then battle it out. "I'm a believer of just having runs on the board in big games. That's how my mind works. It is not necessary that everyone thinks like that in the team. But I have a decision to make and I made it very clear that no matter how the pitch is, whatever it is, we have to try and put runs on the board and then fight it out," he said. Sharma signed off, praising a whole host of contributors to the win in the final. "I am very lucky to have players like this in my squad, players who are playing for me and Team India - really, really grateful and thankful as well."

PM Modi lauds Rohit, Kohli and Dravid

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the Indian cricket team on the phone on Sunday morning and congratulated the entire group on winning the T20 World Cup. He congratulated Rohit Sharma for his splendid captaincy and appreciated his T20 career. However, the PM also lauded talismanic batter Virat Kohli for his 76-run innings in the final as well as contribution to Indian cricket. Notably, following the T20 World Cup triumph, both Rohit and Virat have announced their retirement from the shortest format of the game. PM Modi also ap-

preciated Hardik Pandya for his final over and Suryakumar Yadav for his stunning boundary catch that proved crucial in India's win over South Africa. PM Modi also thanked Rahul Dravid for his contribution to Indian cricket. Following the telephonic interaction, the Prime Minister shared a series of tweets expressing his appreciation to coach Dravid, skipper Rohit, and batter Kohli for their valuable contributions to the sport. Reflecting on Kohli's final innings in the T20Is, PM wrote, "Dear @imVkohli, Glad to have spoken to you. Like the innings in the Finals, you have an-

chored Indian batting splendidly. You've shone in all forms of the game. T20 Cricket will miss you but I am confident you will continue to motivate the new generation of players." "Rahul Dravid's incredible coaching journey has shaped the success of Indian cricket. His unwavering dedication, strategic insights and nurturing the right talent have transformed the team. India is grateful to him for his contributions and for inspiring generations. We are happy to see him lift the World Cup. Happy to have congratulated him," PM wrote in another post on X.

'Learn from mistakes, come back stronger'

New Delhi: Anticipation is at its peak as the Paris Olympics is less than a month away and fans are expecting ace shutter PV Sindhu to complete the hat-trick of medals at the quadrennial extravaganza. But, Sindhu's road to Paris has been a bumpy ride as she failed to win any title last year after coming back from a long injury layoff. The series of disappointing results also saw Sindhu being dropped out of the top 10 in the world rankings. She gradually picked up the momentum and sealed a spot for her third consecutive Olympics after finishing 12th on the Race to Paris Ranking List. In a media interaction felicitated by Sports Authority of India, when asked how she coped with the challenging phase when she was not

at her best, Sindhu shared that it is important to "learn from the mistakes, leave what has happened and come back stronger". "See, you know, I think there are matches where sometimes you might be leading and sometimes you might end up losing. That happened to me in the Malaysian Masters. It's not that I was not in a good shape, but I played my best. And sometimes you're leading and it happens and it is okay I think it's important. "For me when I lose a match or when you have another competition coming forward, I think it's important that you learn from your mistakes and come back stronger and just leave what has happened and just focus on the next tournament," Sindhu replied to a query.

Switzerland stun Italy to advance into quarters

Berlin: Ruben Vargas' assist and goal paved the way for Switzerland's 2-0 victory over titleholder Italy in the Euro 2024 last 16 at Berlin Olympia stadium late on Saturday. Switzerland controlled possession and pressed Italy onto the back foot but still Murat Yakin's team had to wait until the 24th minute before Breel Embolo's effort forced goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma into action. The Nati eventually broke the deadlock with 37 minutes played when Vargas' cut-back pass found Remo Feulner, who made no mistake and tapped home past Donnarumma, reports Xinhua. Donnarumma remained busy as he had to palm Fabian Rieder's dangerous free kick around the woodwork just before the half time. Switzerland continued on the front foot and doubled its advantage within seconds of the restart as Vargas finished the job into the top right corner following a counterattack. Harmless Italy almost halved the deficit against the run of the flow after Switzerland defender Fabian Schar

cleared the ball to the right post. In the closing stage, Italy threw every man up front and came close in the 74th minute when Gianluca Scamacca rattled the woodwork. However, Switzerland's victory was never in danger as Italy couldn't overcome goalkeeper Yann Sommer. "We were also lucky. The almost own goal was a shock moment, but the team were great, and we were able to defend the result to the end. I hope this is not the end of the road for us and we can keep making history," said Switzerland coach Yakin. "It hurts to go out like this, we apologise to everyone. They deserved it. We struggled the whole match. In the first half, we lost too many balls. It was tough, a very tough match to digest. In the first half we did badly because they always had the ball. We wanted to start better in the second half, but we conceded a goal straight away instead," said Italy goalkeeper Donnarumma. Yakin's boys will face either England or Slovakia in the quarterfinals on July 6.

Jadeja follows Kohli, Sharma into T20s retirement

Bridge Town: Left-arm spin all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja said he is retiring from T20s after winning Men's T20 World Cup title at the Kensington Oval on Saturday. Jadeja was a member of the playing eleven when India beat South Africa by seven runs to win its second T20 World Cup title after beating South Africa by seven runs.

He now follows Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli into retiring from T20s after achieving elusive trophy glory in Barbados, where India became the first team to win the title as an unbeaten side. Jadeja had missed 2022 edition of the tournament due to a knee injury, and wrote on Instagram he will continue representing the country in ODIs & Tests. "With a heart full of gratitude, I bid farewell to T20 internationals. Like a steadfast horse galloping with pride, I've always given my best for my country and will continue to do so in other formats." "Winning the T20 World Cup was a dream come true, a pinnacle of my T20 International career. Thank you for the memories, the cheers, and the unwavering support. Jai hind Ravindrasinh Jadeja," he said. Since his debut in 2009 against Sri Lanka, Jadeja played 74 T20Is for India, making 515 runs at an average of 21.45 and strike-rate of 127.16, apart from taking 28 catches on the field and earning a reputation of being a swift fielder at point region. With the ball, he picked 54 wickets at an average of 29.85 and economy rate of 7.13. In the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup, Jadeja didn't hit his straps as an all-rounder: making 35 runs in five innings, taking three catches and picking just one wicket with his left-arm spin bowling. But just like Rohit and Kohli, Jadeja signs off from the format as a World Cup winner in his sixth time of featuring in the global tournament.