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## RSS meet to discuss attack on Hindus in Bangladesh



**New Delhi:** The recent attack on Hindus in Bangladesh will be one of the key topics of discussion during three-day Akhil Bharatiya Samanvay Baithak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh(RSS), scheduled to be held in Palakkad from Saturday. RSS national spokesperson Sunil Ambekar said in Palakkad on Friday that the attack on Hindus and various other issues raised by the leaders of 32 RSS inspired organisations would be discussed in the meeting. RSS Sarsanghachalak Mohan Bhagwat, general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, and six joint general secretaries Krishna Gopal, C.R. Mukund, Arun Kumar, Ram Dutt Chakradar, Atul Limaye, and Alok Kumar will be among the top leadership attending the Baithak. The centenary celebrations of the RSS will begin on Vijayadashami day of 2025 and will continue until the Vijayadashami.

## The farmers have also called for strict action against Kangana

### Vinesh Phogat joins farmers' protest at Sambhu border

**New Delhi:** Olympian Vinesh Phogat attended an event of farmers at the Shambhu border as their protest, demanding a legal guarantee for the Minimum Support Price (MSP), entered its 200th day on Saturday, August 31. Protests are also scheduled to occur at the Khanauri, Shambhu, and Ratanpura borders. Farmers, who are asking for a legal guarantee for the MSP for all crops, along with other critical issues, have been protesting at the Shambhu border since February 13, after their march to Delhi was blocked by authorities. Vinesh Phogat, a well-known athlete and supporter of the farmers' movement, was honored by the farmers during the day's events. It has been a topsy-turvy month for Vinesh after she reached the final of the women's 50kg event but still returned to India empty-handed. On August 7, Sarah Ann Hildebrandt of the United States stood between Vinesh and the gold medal.

However, things went downhill after she was disqualified before the final after breaching the 50kg



weight limit. A day after her heartbreaking disqualification, Vinesh announced her decision to retire from wrestling. She also made a plea to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to award her a joint silver medal. The CAS deferred the verdict a couple of times and eventually dismissed the application filed by Vinesh for a silver medal in the women's 50kg event at the Paris Olympics. Amritsar district farmer leader Baldev Singh Bagga claimed that efforts to communicate with the government have gone unanswered, The Times of India reported.

"Farmer organisations had repeatedly written to

Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well as former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh but have received no responses. As Modi enters his 11th year in office, rather than addressing our demands, the government continues to suppress the voice of farmers," Tol quoted Baldev Singh Bagga as saying.

Convenor of the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha Sarvan Singh Pandher appealed to the farmers to gather in significant numbers at the Shambhu and Khanauri points on August 31, it added. "We will once again present our demands to the government, and new announcements will be made.

## India's ties with US form a 'very invaluable relationship': Jaishankar

**New Delhi:** India's ties with the US constitute a "very invaluable relationship", external affairs minister S Jaishankar said on Friday, while simultaneously asserting that New Delhi should "not be intimidated" from pursuing its economic relations with Russia. Jaishankar spoke extensively on India's foreign policy and relations with countries in the neighbourhood and with key global powers such as China, Russia and the US at an event to mark the release of the book "Strategic Conundrums: Reshaping India's foreign policy" by former ambassador Rajiv Sikri. He said, just as the book acknowledges, the relationship with the US is for strategic and economic purposes a "very invaluable relationship for us". He added, "Therefore, I would actually argue that the US is today indispensable for our multipolarity to go up, that if we need that decision-making space, that freedom, we need countries whose interest it is that we have those margins on our side."

Jaishankar said no one is in denial about the history of the India-US relationship, which faced a series of challenges from the 1950s to the 1980s. "The challenge

for us is when we think of multipolarity and strategic autonomy; because of that history, it is often a concept where we posit ourselves against the US," he said. "The reality of the world today is something very different. If we look at where the pressures are, the primary source of pressure is no longer the US.

In a way, because the world has changed, our understanding of the US has changed...The US understanding of us has too." Jaishankar also pointed to convergences in India-US relations. "India and the US, by their nature, will always have interests that will differ and diverge from those of the other part," he said. When it comes to Russia, India will have to be sensitive to a "Eurasian balance", he said. "It's a core strategic requirement for us. But I would also say if you look at trade with Russia, which has gone up five times, and it's not just a simple oil issue, I would urge you to look at it much more deeply, that there is an economic complementarity between India and Russia," he said, referring to India's decision to ramp up purchases of discounted Russian crude since 2022.

## BJP ally JD(U) promises release of stone pelters

**New Delhi:** Janata Dal (United), a key ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party-led NDA at the Centre, has promised the release of stone pelters and political prisoners in its manifesto for the upcoming assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir.

JD(U) J&K unit president (C) with party chief Nitish Kumar JD(U) J&K unit president (C) with party chief Nitish Kumar. The party has fielded two candidates for the first phase of polling, scheduled for September 18. It claims that many candidates who were dissatisfied with the

system are now running in the second phase, for which polling will take place on September 25. "Review cases and facilitate the release of political prisoners and stone pelters to promote peace and reconciliation," the manifesto of JD(U) reads. The state unit of the party also claims to have written to Union home ministry to go through the cases of the stone pelters and release them from jails. "We have information on 840 stone pelters from different parts of the Valley who are languishing in jails. said JD (U) state president GM Shaheen

## PM Narendra Modi flags off 3 new Vande Bharat Express

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off three new Vande Bharat Express trains on Saturday August 31 through video conferencing, to enhance connectivity in Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, the railway ministry said. The three trains add to the network of more than 100 Vande Bharat Express trains that are operational, connecting more than 280 districts. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated three Vande Bharat Express trains — one from Chennai Central to Nagercoil, second from Madurai to Bengaluru Cantonment and third from Meerut City-Lucknow — via video



conferencing. The ministry said since its debut, the Vande Bharat Express has become a symbol of India's aspirations in comfort meets speed, luxurious rail travel. This indigenous developed train was first introduced on February 15, 2019, under the 'Make in

India' initiative. Today, more than 100 Vande Bharat Express train services are operational across the country, extending connectivity to over 280 districts and transforming the travel experience for millions, it added. Realising Prime Minister's vision of 'Make

### Three new Vande Bharat trains will boost connectivity in three states of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

in India' and Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the state-of-the-art Vande Bharat Express trains will improve the connectivity on three routes, Meerut City-Lucknow, Madurai-Bengaluru and Chennai Egmore-Nagercoil," the ministry added. Highlighting the importance of these new trains, the ministry said these new Vande Bharat trains will provide the people of the region world-class means to travel with speed and comfort.

## Assam TMC president Ripun Bora quits party

**Guwahati:** Assam Trinamool Congress president Ripun Bora on Sunday resigned from the party, claiming that the people of the northeastern state consider it as a "regional party" of West Bengal and are "not willing to accept" it as their own.

In a letter to All India Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, the former Rajya Sabha member said he had offered many suggestions to party supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to make TMC acceptable in Assam, but those were "not implemented". "Assam TMC has great potential, but several recurring issues have hindered our progress, including the perception of TMC as a regional party of West Bengal. To counter this perception, we made several suggestions," Bora said in his resignation letter.

Bora claimed that he had suggested the need for an Assamese leader at the national level of TMC, declaring the residence of Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika at Tollygunge in Kolkata as a heritage site and converting the Madhupur Satra at Cooch Behar into a cultural hub.

## One arrested, another at large in Shillong rape case

**Shillong:** A 19-year-old man was arrested on Saturday for his alleged involvement in the rape of a girl in Malki, Shillong, according to police reports. Authorities are also conducting a manhunt for a second suspect, who remains at large. The arrest followed an FIR lodged at the Laitumkhras police station, naming the two accused in the assault. During the investigation, police arrested Andy Malngiang, who has since been placed in 14-day judicial custody. He has been charged under Sections 351(3) and 70(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) of 2023.

## Manipur's Meitei, Kuki-Zo Groups Call For Centre's Attention As Parliament Session Begins

**Kuki organisations rally across hill districts, demand separate Kukiland for peace**

**Imphal**

The first Lok Sabha session of Modi 3.0 today coincided with massive peaceful protests across Manipur by both the valley-dominant Meitei community and the hill-dominant Kuki-Zo tribes, who have been fighting since May 2023. The general category Meiteis want to be included under the Scheduled Tribes (ST) category as they claim to be essentially and historically a tribe.

The Kuki tribes want a separate administration or "Kukiland" carved out of Manipur, a demand towards which the Kukis have been working to achieve for decades, citing the need for a homeland for the scattered tribes who share ethnic ties with tribes in neighbouring Mizoram and Myanmar's Chin State.



A common theme in the protests today by both sides was the call to end violence that has dragged on for over a year.

In the state capital Imphal valley, hundreds of women marched in silence holding placards that asked the Union government to remove some central forces that they alleged have not done enough to check the growing menace of Kuki insurgents, who have signed

a controversial ceasefire (Suspension of Operations, or SoO, agreement).

The protesters said the Manipur issue should be discussed in parliament, and resolved as soon as possible before more lives are lost. In Kuki-dominated areas including Churachandpur and Kangpokpi districts, hundreds of people gathered to participate in marches and speeches by Kuki MLAs and civil

society leaders. They requested the Centre to create a "separate administration", or a Union Territory, by merging all Kuki-dominated areas in Manipur. There are 10 Kuki MLAs, including some from the ruling BJP, in Manipur's 60-member assembly.

The two-year-old Churachandpur-based Kuki group Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF) in a statement had announced it would lead a nonviolent protest to demand creation of a Union Territory for the Kukis. Other Kuki and Zo tribe groups had endorsed the ITLF's call. The ITLF said the rally highlighted the urgent need for a political solution to the Manipur ethnic crisis, which has claimed countless lives.

"If the government wants peace, then it has to come here and find peace.

## BSF detains 7 Bangladeshi Nationals In Tripura

**Agartala:** The Border Security Force (BSF) and the Tripura Police apprehended six Bangladeshi nationals and two suspected Indian touts during a joint operation in the northeastern state on Sunday.

The BSF later said in a statement, "A joint mobile check post with sister agency was laid in... Bhatiabari Border Out Post (BOP) under Karbook police station of Gomati district on specific information today."

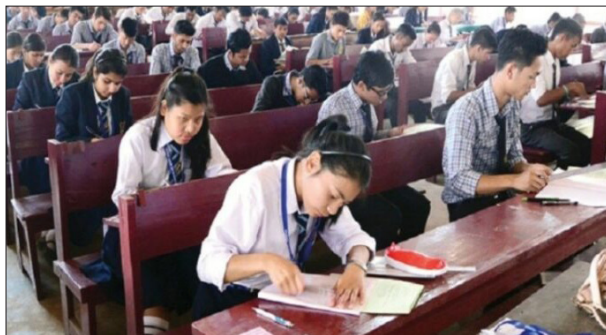
The joint mobile check post-party apprehended the six Bangladeshi nationals including a man and five women. The apprehended Bangladeshi nationals hail from different parts of Bangladesh like Khulna, Feni, Dhaka, Munshiganj, and Norai.

## Nagaland govt to launch students' health card on Teacher's Day

**Kohima:** The Nagaland government will launch students' health cards on September 5 (Teacher's Day) for student's health care.

This was informed by Advisor for School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, on Friday during the felicitation program of awardees for the Nagaland Government School Students Meritorious Award in Kohima.

He further informed that there are 1,939 government schools in Nagaland, covering every district of the state, and are equipped with well-qualified teachers for the improvement of the education system. He said the School Education department is giving its best effort to upgrade



the education system and for which, government schools have been giving free quality education.

Yhome also urged the teachers to build cordial relationships to create a congenial atmosphere in the schools.

The Advisor lamented the perception that students attending government schools are from financially weaker backgrounds,

urging people to change their mindset. Altogether 12 meritorious students from government schools who came out with flying colours were awarded at the programme.

Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Thavaseelan K, said that the Award was started in 2023 with the aim to motivate students in government schools.

## PM Modi announces Rs 2 lakh for kin of deceased, Rs 50,000 for injured

**Agartala:** Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Friday announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi sanctioned the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) ex-gratia relief of Rs 2 lakh for the next of kin of those who lost their lives in the floods and Rs 50,000 for the seriously injured.

Taking to social media, the chief minister thanked Prime Minister Modi for extending financial succour to the flood-affected people of Tripura. "Grateful for the support! My heartfelt thanks to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji for announcing PMNRF ex-gratia relief of 2 lakh for the next of kin of those who lost their lives in the floods & Rs 50,000 for the seriously injured," Saha

said. "Your compassion brings huge support in these difficult times," the chief minister further added CM Saha said that at the request of the State Government, the Home Ministry has sent an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) to assess the flood situation in the state. The team arrived on August 28 and visited most affected areas due to floods in South Tripura, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai over the past two days. "They assured me to immediately submit a report on the floods situation and the large-scale damage caused by it to the Home Ministry. This will help in facilitating further assistance and support for the flood-affected people of Tripura," Saha said.

## Sikkim CM Meets Himanta Biswa Sarma, Discusses Issues Pertaining To NE

**Guwahati:** Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang met with Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday, discussing regional development and cooperation. Tamang pitched for a helicopter service between Gangtok and Guwahati, enhancing accessibility and regional



growth.

Sarma offered support to Sikkim patients seeking cancer treatment in Assam's specialized hospitals. The meeting highlighted strong bonds between the states, easing the burden on patients and ensuring access to quality care. "Our discussions

were focused on the development and progress of the northeastern region. A key topic we explored was the possibility of launching a helicopter service between Gangtok and Guwahati. "This service would greatly enhance accessibility for the people of both states", Sikkim CM said.

## Janhvi Kapoor joins Vitero Tiles as brand ambassador to boost market presence



**Guwahati:** Vitero Tiles, a prominent name in the Indian tile industry under Aparna Enterprises Ltd, has announced the onboarding of Bollywood star Janhvi Kapoor as its brand ambassador. This strategic move is part of the company's broader vision to enhance brand visibility and establish itself as a leading player in the competitive tile market.

Mr. Ashwin Reddy, Managing Director of Aparna Enterprises Ltd, expressed enthusiasm over the collaboration, stating, "We are excited to welcome Janhvi Kapoor to the Vitero family. Her dynamic persona and eye for style perfectly complement our brand's vision of redefining interiors with contemporary

and high-quality tiles." He highlighted Vitero's substantial market presence in Southern India and the company's recent expansion efforts, including a joint venture in Morbi, to strengthen its foothold in Northern, Western, and Eastern markets.

In Guwahati, Vitero Tiles is expected to make a significant impact, leveraging Kapoor's widespread appeal. With this new partnership, the brand aims to resonate with modern consumers in Guwahati, offering innovative designs and superior quality tiles that align with contemporary tastes. Vitero's commitment to excellence is set to further solidify its position in both retail and B2B segments across India.

## TRC enhances expertise with top eye surgeons Dr. Anamika Nath and Dr. Pranamee Das

**Guwahati:** The Retina Centre (TRC) has significantly expanded its team by welcoming Dr. Anamika Nath and Dr. Pranamee Das, two highly esteemed eye surgeons, reinforcing its position as a leading eye care provider in Guwahati.

Dr. Anamika Nath, a Vitreo Retina Surgeon with an MS in Ophthalmology, joins TRC from the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Guwahati Medical College and ARAVIND Eye Hospital, Pondicherry. Known for her work alongside Dr. S.U. Ahmed, a pioneer in VR surgery in North-East India, Dr. Nath also contributes to the Ramakrishna Mission, offering consultations to underprivileged patients on Sundays. "Working with Dr. Ahmed has been trans-

formative. I look forward to continuing this journey of learning and growth," she said. She advises wearing helmets, limiting color contact lens use, avoiding smoking, and protecting eyes from UV rays.

Dr. Pranamee Das, a Phaco Surgeon with an MS from Assam Medical College, brings her expertise to TRC and actively organizes eye check-up camps for the less fortunate. Celebrating her three-month tenure, Dr. Das remarked, "Being part of TRC has been a great learning experience. I aim to continue this enriching journey." She recommends a balanced diet, avoiding eye rubbing, limiting screen time, and regular eye check-ups for maintaining optimal eye health.

## CEAT ISRL Season 2 sees 20% surge in registrations, promises thrilling competition

**Guwahati:** The CEAT Indian Supercross Racing League (ISRL) is set to rev up excitement with a 20% increase in rider registrations for its second season. With 145 global riders signing up, the league is on track to deliver an exhilarating season. This surge in registrations underscores the growing appeal of the league, drawing top talent from across continents, including the USA, Spain, France, and Australia.

Season 2 will feature a mix of returning stars and new entrants, such as 9x Australian Champion Matt Moss and AMA Pro Motocross Champion Mike Alessi. Indian riders, including 3x Indian Supercross Champion Rugved Barguje, are also gearing up to showcase their skills on a broader stage. The upcoming rider auction in October 2024 is poised to



further heighten the competitive edge of the league.

In Guwahati, the CEAT ISRL's expansion is generating significant buzz. Local businesses and fans are keenly anticipating the event, which is expected to boost local engagement

and drive economic benefits. The league's growing footprint in Guwahati reflects a broader trend of increasing interest in motorsports across India, positioning the CEAT ISRL as a pivotal force in the sport's development.

## Nissan Magnite surges past 1.5 lakh sales milestone with record monthly figures

**Guwahati:** Nissan Motor India has achieved a significant milestone with the Nissan Magnite surpassing 1.5 lakh cumulative sales as of August 2024, since its debut in December 2020. The company reported its highest monthly wholesale figure for FY24, with 10,624 units dispatched in August, including 8,361 units for export—a record high for the past five years. Domestic sales also showed robust performance, with 2,263 units sold, reflecting a 12.5% month-on-month growth. In Guwahati, the Magnite's popularity continues to rise, driven by its appealing design and competitive pricing. The vehicle's strong sales performance in the city reflects a growing preference for affordable yet stylish compact SUVs in the region.

## Škoda Auto India launches Slavia Monte Carlo edition and Sportline range

**Guwahati:** Škoda Auto India has launched the all-new Slavia Monte Carlo edition, along with a new Sportline range for its popular Kushaq and Slavia models. These additions emphasize sporty aesthetics and enhanced features, catering to customers seeking a more dynamic driving experience. The Slavia Monte Carlo boasts a striking design with blacked-out elements, exclusive color options, and a sport-themed interior. Powered by 1.0 and 1.5 TSI engines, it offers both manual and automatic transmission options.

In conjunction with the launch, Škoda is offering benefits worth Rs 30,000 to the first 5,000 customers

who book the Monte Carlo or Sportline models. This offer is part of the company's 112th anniversary celebration of its Rallye Monte Carlo debut and will be available until September 6. The Sportline variants of the Kushaq and Slavia carry forward the sporty theme with black alloy wheels, LED headlamps, and a range of features like an electric sunroof, alloy pedals, and advanced safety systems, including six airbags as standard. With these new introductions, Škoda Auto India continues to expand its product lineup, offering greater choice, value, and safety to its customers, while reinforcing its commitment to the Indian market



## SMFG India Credit celebrates 1000th branch milestone with special cover & my stamp launch



**Aizawl:** SMFG India Credit Co. Ltd., a leading name in India's Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) sector, has reached a major milestone with the inauguration of its 1000th branch in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. To commemorate this achievement, the company collaborated with India Post to release a Special Cover & My Stamp. The event was graced by Mr. YAGI Koji, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, and Mr. Abhijeet Bansode, Director - Postal Services (HQ) Maharashtra Circle, alongside SMFG India Credit's CEO & MD, Mr. Shantanu Mitra.

This milestone is a testament to SMFG India

Credit's rapid expansion, particularly into underpenetrated markets. Over the past two years, the company has opened nearly 300 branches, with 95% located in Tier-2 cities and semi-rural areas. The company's presence in Aizawl has significantly boosted financial access in the region, with local markets witnessing enhanced economic activities as more individuals gain access to formal credit.

"Our 1000th branch represents our commitment to enabling financial independence across India," said Mr. Mitra. "The Special Cover & My Stamp release marks our journey and growth in the financial services sector."

## Indian challenge ends as Rohan Bopanna knocked out in mixed doubles semis



**New York:** India's campaign at the US Open 2024 ended on Tuesday, September 3 after Rohan Bopanna lost the mixed doubles semi-final along with his Indonesian partner Aldila Sutjiadi. Bopanna and Sutjiadi lost to the American pair of Donald Young and Taylor Townsend 3-6, 4-6 in a one-sided last-four contest.

Bopanna and Sutjiadi struggled for consistency throughout the contest. Bopanna's first service game was broken, setting the Indo-Indonesian pair on the backfoot early against the unseeded pair. Bopanna and Sutjiadi broke back, but they were not able to ride the momentum. In the second set, Bopanna's serve was broken in the

fifth game and that's all that Donald and Taylor needed. Bopanna and Sutjiadi won two third-set tie-breakers en route to the semi-final. They had beaten fourth seeds Barbora Krejčíková and Matthew Ebden, but they ran out of gas against lower-ranked Townsend and Young. Earlier in the tournament, Bopanna and Ebden crashed out in the men's doubles Round of 16. The Indo-Australian pair reached the final of the US Open last year. However, they were shown the door early after a 1-6, 5-7 defeat to 16th seeds Maximo Gonzalez and Andrés Molteni of Argentina. It was a shock defeat as the Australian Open champions were expected to challenge for the men's doubles title in New York.

## Uruguay legend Luis Suarez announces retirement from international football

**New Delhi:** Uruguay football legend Luis Suárez has announced his retirement from international football, marking the end of an iconic career that saw him become the country's all-time top scorer. Suárez revealed his decision during a press conference on Monday, September 2, stating that he would retire after Uruguay's FIFA World Cup qualifiers against Paraguay on September 6. Suárez will conclude his international journey as Uruguay's most prolific scorer, with an impressive 69 goals in 142 appearances across 17 years. Suárez made his senior debut for Uruguay on February 8, 2007, in a 3-1 victory over Colombia. He quickly be-

came a vital part of the squad, playing a key role in securing Uruguay's spot in the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. By then, he had already cemented his place in the team, featuring in 19 of the 20 World Cup qualifying matches. "There is no better pride in oneself than knowing when the right moment to retire is, and luckily I am confident that I am retiring from the national team because I want to take a step aside...I am 37 years old, and I know that it is very difficult to get to the next World Cup. It comforts me a lot that I can retire and not for my injuries to retire me, or to stop being called up," Suarez said in the press conference

**Batters stay calm to achieve target and complete series sweep against Pakistan**

## Bangladesh script history, complete 2-0 Test series sweep in Pakistan

**Rawalpindi:** Bangladesh scripted history at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium as they beat Pakistan by 6 wickets in the second Test and registered their maiden series win over the Asian rivals on Tuesday, September 3. Pakistan set a target of 185 runs for the visitors to chase down in the fourth innings and the challenge was happily accepted by the resurgent Bangladesh team who were riding high on their maiden win over the Asian rivals in the first Test.

Zakir Hasan (40), Najmul Hossain Shanto (38) and Mominul Haque (34) made vital contributions in the chase to help their team taste unprecedented glory on Pakistan soil. As a result, Bangladesh won their first Test series against Pakistan after facing six losses on the trot. Not many expected the match to produce a result, after the first day was completely washed out due to rain. However, Test cricket once again proved its worth by



enthralling with riveting action over the course of four days. The final day began with Bangladesh resuming their second innings on 42/0 after seven overs with openers Zakir Hasan (31\*) and Shadnam Islam (9\*) at the crease. The duo continued from where they left off on Day 4 as Islam found a boundary on just the sec-

ond ball of the day against Mohammad Ali to make his intentions clear. The Bangladesh openers completed their 50-run stand in ten overs sending ominous signals in the Pakistan dressing room. With the visitors requiring just 127 runs more win having all ten wickets in hand, Pakistan captain Shan Masood

was in desperate search of a wicket. Mir Hamza turned the man with the golden arm to end his team's long search for a wicket as he cleaned up Hasan (40) with a jaffa. The wicket helped the hosts to stem the run flow as Hamza and Mohammad Ali bowled 24 dot balls in a row to put some pressure on the opposition.

## Pro Kabaddi League season 11 to begin on October 18

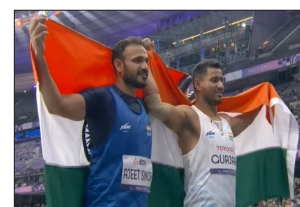


**New Delhi:** Season 11 of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) will begin on October 18 this year, announced the organisers on Wednesday. After successfully completing ten seasons of the Pro Kabaddi League earlier this year, the world's biggest kabaddi league will embark on a new phase in October. In season 11, the Pro Kabaddi League will return to the three-city caravan format. The 2024 edition

will commence at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad on October 18, before moving to the Noida Indoor Stadium for the second leg from November 10. The third leg will take place at the Balewadi Badminton Stadium in Pune, from December 3 onwards. The dates and venue for the Playoffs will be announced later. Speaking on the announcement of the dates for PKL Season 11, An-

upam Goswami, League Commissioner, "We are delighted to announce the start date and venues for PKL Season 11. After successfully completing 10 seasons, PKL Season 11 will mark a new milestone in the continued rise of the league. This would strengthen the growth of Kabaddi in India and elsewhere around the world." The Pro Kabaddi League Season 11 Auction was held in Mumbai from 15-16 August 2024, with eight players going for over INR 1 crore, a new record in the league's history. Mashal Sports and Disney Star have built PKL into one of the most successful sports leagues in India. The Pro Kabaddi League has transformed the image of India's indigenous sport of Kabaddi and its athletes nationally as well as across the globe.

## India hits 20 medals at Paris Paralympics



**Paris:** A late medal rush on Day 6 helped India surge past its previous best-ever Paralympic medal haul of 19 on Tuesday. The country has hit the 20-medal mark for the first time at the Games (3 gold, 7 silver and 10 bronze) thanks to superlative performances by the country's track and field athletes in Paris late on Tuesday. The country ended the day at 17th place. The track and field athletes won as many as five medals (two silver and three bronze) at the Stade de France. India had won five gold, eight silver and six bronze medals at the Tokyo Paralympics.