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10-year-old Atiqa becomes first Indian to secure top-10 finish at Rotax Euro Trophy

TRINEC (Czech Republic): Ten-year-old Indian racing sensation Atiqa Mir added another first to her name by securing a creditable top-10 finish in the Rotax Euro Trophy, a major international karting series. The Akcel GP-backed driver finished ninth in the Rotax Euro Trophy Round 2 staged at Steel Ring Circuit over the weekend. Atiqa, the first Indian to get financial and technical support from Formula 1, had a strong qualifying, finishing seventh in her group. She had the misfortune of having two bumper penalties but despite that, she finished in 10th place after three heats. In the pre-finals on Sunday, the heavens opened up and with no prior experience of driving in the wet on this track, Atiqa showed her exceptional natural talent and fought hard with the best drivers in the world.

Good day for Indian GMs at Delhi International Open

NEW DELHI: India's top seed GM Narayanan S L led the charge with a solid win over Vietnam's GM Nguyen Duc Hoa, while Diptayan Ghosh and two other home GMs also registered clinical victories in round four of the Delhi International Open, here Monday. Adding to India's strong showing at the top, IM Dinesh Sharma and IM Harsh Suresh notched up important wins to stay in the lead group, while GM Aditya S Samant continued his consistent run with another solid victory, keeping himself in contention. Among international players, GM Manuel Petrosyan, GM Mihail Nikitenko, GM Mamikon Gharibyan, GM Boris Savchenko, and GM Luka Paichadze also continued their winning runs with confident performances. The day also saw key draws in closely-contested games, including GM Aleksey Ghoshdrov vs GM Karthik Venkataraman, and IM Aronyak Ghosh vs GM Mikulas Manik, as top boards fought to hold ground in an increasingly tight field.

Nagal loses in first round of ATP Challenger again

LYON (France): There was no end to struggle of India's singles player Sumit Nagal, who yet again suffered a first round exit from the ATP Challenger circuit here on Monday. Sixth seed Nagal lost 4-6, 6-7 (4) to French unseeded player Geoffrey Blancaneaux in opening round of the Euro 145,250 clay court event. Nagal was down by a set and a break when he broke back in the eighth game of the second set to draw parity, raising hopes to stretch the contest to a decider. Blancaneaux and Nagal struggled to hold their serves and the second set had to be decided via tie-breaker, in which the local favourite prevailed. It was Nagal's sixth first-round defeat on the Challenger circuit in the 2025 season.

South Africa boosted by Broad chat ahead of WTC final against Australia

LONDON: South Africa coach Shukri Conrad said his side had enjoyed an "enlightening" evening with England fast-bowling great Stuart Broad ahead of their World Test Championship final against Australia at Lord's. Broad bowled out of international action two years ago, having taken 604 wickets in 167 Tests, with many of his best performances reserved for arch-rivals Australia.

Cristian Chivu leaves Parma ahead of Inter Milan move

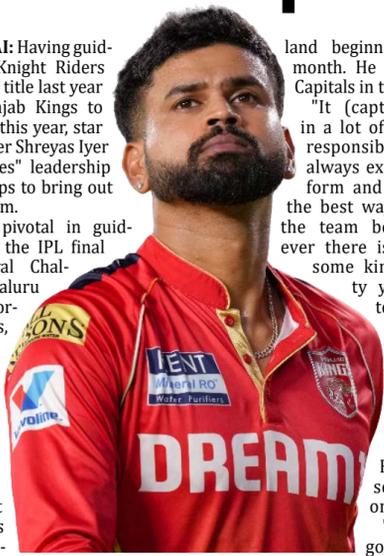
MILAN: Cristian Chivu said goodbye to Parma on Monday ahead of his move to his former club Inter Milan to replace Simone Inzaghi as coach. Former Romania defender Chivu will take charge of Inter, where he won three Serie A titles and the 2010 Champions League as a player, after guiding Parma to Serie A safety in his first senior coaching job.

Beaten Sinner extends lead on Alcaraz at top of ATP rankings

PARIS: Italy's Jannik Sinner extended his lead at the top of the ATP world rankings on Monday despite his defeat to second-ranked Carlos Alcaraz in the French Open final. Sinner, who lost to Alcaraz in the semi-finals last year, gained 500 points for reaching this year's final. Spaniard Alcaraz lifted the title for the second straight year, gained no points and remained second. Germany's Alexander Zverev remained third despite his quarter-final elimination to Novak Djokovic. At 38, Serb Djokovic, who was unable to take a set from Sinner in the semi-finals despite a strong fight, climbed one place to fifth, still behind Jack Draper.

I love to lead because it brings a lot of responsibility: Iyer

PTI, MUMBAI: Having guided Kolkata Knight Riders to their third title last year and led Punjab Kings to the IPL final this year, star India cricketer Shreyas Iyer says he "loves" leadership role as it helps to bring out the best in him. Iyer was pivotal in guiding PBKS to the IPL final against Royal Challengers Bengaluru this year, scoring 604 runs, including six half-centuries. But, as luck would have it, he missed out on a Test spot for the five-Test away series against Eng-



land beginning later this month. He also led Delhi Capitals in the past. "It (captaincy) brings in a lot of maturity and responsibility. You are always expected to perform and contribute in the best way possible for the team because whenever there is a hurdle or some kind of adversity you face as a team, they always come to the captain," Iyer told the T20 Mumbai League after leading Sobto Mumbai Falcons to the semi-final here on Sunday. "I think I have got a lot of ex-

perience as I have been captaining since I was 22. I have enjoyed the moments and also embraced it. I love the fact to come out and lead," added Iyer. Iyer, 30, is among the top Indian stars, alongside Suryakumar Yadav and Shivam Dube, featuring in the T20 Mumbai League, a domestic franchise-based tournament. The middle-order batter added that he gets motivation to take on the challenge and perform at his best in high-pressure situations. "I just try to get into my zone and I try to do things which are there in front of me. I try to stay focused as much as possible, just stay in the present, embrace the situation, embrace the crowd because sometimes they get very electrifying and pass on the energy to you. So I keep telling myself that I want the crowd to cheer my name, and that brings that kind of motivation," he said.

India A vs England Lions unofficial Test ends in draw

PTI, NORTHAMPTON (England): Tanush Kotian (90 not out) and Anshul Kamboj (51 not out) scored half-centuries as India A's second unofficial four-day Test against England Lions ended in a tame draw here on Monday. India A declared their second innings at 417/7 to set the England Lions a winning target of 439 in the post-tea session on the final day. England Lions scored 32/3 in 11 overs in the second essay. Brief scores: India A 348 & 417/7 declared in 92 overs (KL Rahul 51, Abhimanyu Easwaran 80, Nitish Kumar Reddy 42, Tanush Kotian 90 not out, Anshul Kamboj 51 not out, George Hill 3/64) drew with England Lions 327 & 32/3 in 11 overs (Anshul Kamboj 2/6).

England seal series win over West Indies

AFP, BRISTOL: England completed a series win over the West Indies with a game to spare after chasing down a target of 197 in the second T20 international in Bristol on Sunday. Former captain Jos Buttler led the way with 47 and current skipper Harry Brook made 34 as England reached 112-2 inside 13 overs. The duo were dismissed in consecutive overs, with England still needing 85 more runs to win but that was the cue for two of the newer team members to lay down a marker. Jacob Bethell's 26 off 10 balls, including three sixes, and Tom Banton's 30 not out rounded off a four-wicket win with nine balls remaining. Victory meant Brook has won all five games since succeeding Buttler as per-

manent white-ball captain and now has the chance to match the preceding 3-0 one-day international series whitewash of the West Indies in Tuesday's T20 finale in Southampton. West Indies were struggling at 121-4 off 16 overs before adding 75 runs in the final four overs of their innings. The recalled Luke Wood gave England the ideal start when his swinging yorker had Evin Lewis lbw with the first ball of the match, but Hope and Johnson Charles (47) repaired some of the early damage in a stand of 90. Rovman Powell added late impetus with 34 off 15 balls and former captain Jason Holder struck 29 off nine. Adil Rashid bowled the penultimate over as England again only selected two seamers, but the veteran leg-spinner conceded 31 runs.

FIH Pro League: India go down fighting against Netherlands

AGENCIES, NETHERLANDS: India gave world No. 1 Netherlands a tough challenge before falling 3-2 in their FIH Pro League clash at the Wagener Stadium, Amstelveen. Abhishek, playing his 100th international, opened the scoring in the 20th minute, but the Dutch equalised four minutes later through Thijs van Dam. Tjep Hoedemakers made it 2-1 in the third quarter, but Jugraj Singh pulled India level in the 54th minute via a penalty corner. With three minutes left, Jip Janssen converted a penalty corner to seal the win for the world No. 1 side. India now have 15 points from 10 matches and will face Argentina in their next Pro League fixture on Wednesday.

Ashwin storms off after TNPL drama

PTI, COIMBATORE: Veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin had a rare on-field meltdown after his debateable dismissal during a Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) match between Dindigul Dragons and IDream Tiruppur Tamizhians. Ashwin, leading the Dragons, was adjudged leg-before off left-arm spinner R Sai Kishore in the fifth over after coming out to open the innings. He looked in ominous touch as he raced to 18 with a couple of boundaries and a six off the first 10 deliveries.

However the 11th delivery that he faced, which was the fifth ball of the fifth over, Ashwin tried to play the paddle sweep but the delivery struck him on the pads. Umpire Venkatesan Krithika raised his finger to an appeal from the bowler as Ashwin was scampering home for a quick single. From the replays, it was clear that the ball pitched outside the leg-stump. Ashwin couldn't appeal for DRS as he and his opening partner Shivam Singh (30 off 27 balls) had exhausted their quota of referrals in the

first over itself on leg-side wide deliveries (new rule introduced in TNPL). Hence with no referrals left, Ashwin had no option but to head back to the dug-out. India's second highest wicket-taker was so stunned was infuriated and was seen animatedly asking Krithika about the decision. Umpire Krithika initially looked through him as they crossed paths but later turned to justify her decision. Ashwin was visibly annoyed and while leaving the ground made sure that

everyone around knew how he felt. While returning, he first smashed his bat onto his leg guards to let some steam out and then as he reached near the boundary ropes, he opened his gloves and flung them in disgust. Worse, Ashwin's team lost the match by a comprehensive nine-wicket margin. While Ashwin's anger stemmed from a poor on-field call but behaviour was unbecoming of one of the greatest off-spinners of all time.

Saligao Utd hammer Cansaulim

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MAPUSA: Saligao United delivered a commanding performance to thrash CAC Cansaulim SC, 5-1, in a lopsided contest at the 24th Vagator Soccer 2025, held at the Vagator football ground, on Monday.

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The match began with Saligao pressing high and they were rewarded in the 5th minute when Charnel Fernandes calmly slotted home into the far corner to give his side an early 1-0 lead. Cansaulim found a way back in the 22nd minute after Agnelo D'Souza was



brought down inside the box by Abusalia Havaladar. Arron Fernandes converted the resulting penalty to level the scores at 1-1. However, Saligao dominated proceedings after

SC Virabhat storm into next round

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RAIA: Hosts SC Virabhat moved into the next round after a commanding 4-0 win over St Anthony, in the 9-a-side inter-ward foot-



Levison Castanha receives man-of-the-match award from Salim Castanha

ball tournament Silver Jubilee Cup 2025, organised by Sporting Club Virabhat, at the St Alex Church ground, Curtorim. Virabhat opened the scoring in the 12th minute through Levison Castanha. Ryce Fernandes doubled the lead before the first half ended. In the second half, SC Virabhat added two more goals - Jonas Fernandes scored in the 35th minute and Joss Fernandes sealed the victory in the 40th. Levison Castanha was awarded man-of-the-match by Salim Castanha, a member of SC Virabhat.

Guardian Angel march into semis

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RAIA: Guardian Angel entered the semi-finals of the Panchayat Cup after defeating United Club of Verna, 3-0, in a match played at the panchayat ground, Dan-

do-Benaulim, on Monday. Guardian Angel dominated from the outset, denying Verna space in midfield. Ivon Costa created several chances for the forwards, who failed to convert, ending the first half goalless.

After the break, coach made a tactical switch by bringing in Preston Rebelo, who headed home in the 48th minute to open the scoring. Fredrick Fernandes then scored a quick brace in the 51st and 54th minutes to secure the win.

Dhoni among seven others inducted into ICC's Hall of Fame

PTI, LONDON: Former India captain MS Dhoni was on Monday inducted into the ICC's Hall of Fame for the year 2025 along with Australian great Matthew Hayden and South Africa's Hashim Amla. The International Cricket Council (ICC) will be inducting seven cricketers — five men and two women — in its Hall of Fame 2025. "Celebrated for his calm under pressure and unmatched tactical nous, but also a trailblazer in the shorter formats, MS Dhoni's legacy as one of the game's greatest finishers, leaders and wicketkeepers has been honoured with his induction into the ICC

Cricket Hall of Fame," said the ICC statement. "With 17,266 international runs, 829 dismissals and 538 matches across formats for India, Dhoni's numbers reflect not just excellence but extraordinary consistency, fitness and longevity," it said. Dhoni, who led India to the T20 World Cup win in 2007, ODI World Cup victory in 2011 and the Champions Trophy in 2013, said in a statement shared by the governing body that, "It is an honour to be named in the ICC Hall of Fame, which recognises the contributions of cricketers across generations and from all over the world."

LAST SHOW AT PANJIM TODAY 10th JUNE 3.30 P.M. PANJIM KALA ACADEMY A/C HALL FOR ONLINE TICKETS CONTACT: 9309985421 19th JUNE - 3.30 P.M. MARGAO TIKETS OF 27th MAY SHOW IS VALID FOR THIS SHOW 28th JUNE 3.30 P.M. VASCO RAVINDRA BHAVAN TICKET RS.200/- GALARY ADVT. 982324457

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