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Indian Grandmaster Iniy Panneerselvam wins La Nucia Open

New Delhi: Nineteen-year-old Indian Grandmaster Iniy Panneerselvam has won the La Nucia Open held in Spain. The Grandmaster remained unbeaten with an Elo rating of 2529 at La Nucia. La Nucia Open is a 9-round Swiss tournament. "Indian Grandmaster @GMIniyPan wins the La Nucia Open 2021 held in Spain. He remained unbeaten with an Elo rating of 2529 at La Nucia, which is a 9-round Swiss tournament. The 19-year-old had become the 61st GM of India in 2019. Many congratulations," SAI Media tweeted.

Delhi Capitals gets fan boost ahead of Qualifier 2 against KKR

Sharjah: Ahead of the second Qualifier of the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL), Delhi Capitals' players received a special mailbox from their fans back home. Filled with handwritten letters and touching, personalised gifts, the players were visibly moved by the outpouring of support and love from their loyal supporters. With the second half of the Indian Premier League being played away from the team's home city, this was also a rare opportunity for fans to connect directly with their favourite players. They mailed their handpicked goodies to the Delhi Capitals office in Delhi, after which they were sent to the team in Dubai.

HPCA beat PCA to lift Rama Atray Memorial Trophy

Chandigarh: Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) recorded an easy eight-wicket win over Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) to lift the 4th Rama Atray Memorial One Day Cricket Tournament Trophy at the Cricket Stadium Sector 16, here on Tuesday. It was a revenge win for HPCA as they had lost to Punjab earlier in the league stage. Winning the toss, HPCA opted to field. Punjab opened with Priyanka Malika and Ridhima Aggarwal. Priyank Malik was the first to go after she was caught by Kashif off Ansari for 10 off 17 balls with 2 boundaries.

IPL 2021, Qualifier 2: Bowlers shine as KKR restrict DC to 135/5

Agencies, Sharjah

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) skipper Eoin Morgan has won the toss and elected to bowl vs Delhi Capitals (DC) in Qualifier 2 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 on Wednesday at Sharjah Cricket Stadium. KKR made no changes in their playing XI while DC brought Marcus Stoinis back in the side in place of Tom Curran. KKR are coming on the back of a victory over Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in Eliminator while DC lost Qualifier 1 to Chennai Super Kings (CSK) who booked their spot in the finals. Eoin Morgan-led side made a brilliant comeback in the UAE-leg of the season after a poor first-half back in India. KKR bowlers and top-order batsmen have been their strength till now in this season while the two-time champions struggled a lot with their middle-order. On the other side, Rishabh Pant-led Delhi Capitals who finished the league stage on top have one of the most balanced line-ups, they just need to tick all the boxes on a given day. The winner of Qualifier 2 will play against CSK in the final on Friday.



At the time of the toss, KKR skipper Morgan said: "We are going to bowl first. It's worked. We have kept the same side. Guys know their role."

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Israel beats Moldova in World Cup qualifier

Jerusalem (UNI)

Israel beat Moldova 2-1 on Tuesday night in Group F of the 2022 FIFA World Cup European qualifiers.

The eighth-round match was played at Toto Turner Stadium in the southern city of Beer Sheva in front of 9,000 fans.

PSV Eindhoven striker Eran Zahavi, the two-time top scorer of the Chinese Super League, found the net in the 28th minute after an accurate pass by Manor Solomon.

Zahavi thus became the all-time top scorer of the Israeli national team, reaching 33 goals in the blue and white outfit.

Zahavi also provided a nice pass to striker Munas Dabbur in the 49th minute, who made it 2-0 for Israel.

The Moldavians were left with 10 players in the 85th minute, as defender Oleg Reabciuk was sent off



points after a 1-0 away win over the Faroe Islands.

Israel stands in third on 13 points while Austria is in fourth place with 10 points, followed by the Faroe Islands's 4 and Moldova's 1.

Israel will play its next match in Austria, while Moldova will host Scotland and Denmark will face the Faroe Islands, with all three matches to be played on November 12.

Hima Das vows to 'come back stronger' after testing COVID positive

Agencies, New Delhi

Ace Indian athlete, Hima Das has tested positive for COVID, the 21-year-old announced on Wednesday. Das took on Twitter and wrote: "I would like to inform everyone that I have been tested positive for Covid-19. I am stable and at the moment in isolation. I look forward to utilising this time to recover and come back stronger than before. A gentle reminder for everyone to stay safe and wear mask."

After failing to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics, the 2018 U-20 World Champion in 400 metres took a short break to nurse her hamstring injury.

Hima had sustained the hamstring injury while running in the



100m heats of the National Inter-State Athletics Championships in June.

Hima Das was in decent shape in the run-up to the Olympics and clocked 23.21s seconds at Federation Cup in March, missing the 200m Olympic qualifying mark of 22.80s.

Ronaldo becomes first men's player to score 10 international hat-tricks

Agencies, Almancil

Cristiano Ronaldo has become the first men's player to score ten hat-tricks in international football.

The Portuguese striker achieved the feat in Portugal's match against Luxembourg in Group A qualifying game for the 2022 World Cup. Ronaldo converted two penalties before netting a late header to help Portugal record a 5-0 victory.

The striker has now scored 58 career hat-tricks, including 10 for Portugal, reported Goal.com.

With a full Algarve Stadium, the Portuguese National Team entered at full speed and at 17th minute, they were already winning 3-0. Cristiano Ronaldo opened the scoring through a penalty in the 8th minute.

It took a little wait to see Cristiano Ronaldo score again, again with a penalty. The captain of Equip das Quinas thus reached 8 goals against the Luxembourg



team, which became his biggest victim.

The wait for the third goal of the match was short, and this time it was Bruno Fernandes who scored with the right foot inside the penalty area after an assist from Bernardo Silva. It was Fernandes' sixth goal for the National Team.

In the second half of the match, the pace dropped and Portugal controlled the game at their leisure, still having several good opportunities to score.



T20 WC: Shardul Thakur replaces Axar Patel in Team India's squad

Agencies, Mumbai

The All-India Senior Selection Committee after a discussion with the team management has added Shardul Thakur to the main squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup. All-rounder Axar Patel, who was part of the 15-member squad will now be on the list of standby players.

India's squad for ICC T20 World Cup: Virat Kohli (captain), Rohit Sharma (vicecaptain), KL Rahul, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Rahul Chahar, Ravichandran Ashwin, Shardul Thakur, Varun Chakravarthy, Jasprit Bumrah,

Indian Wells: Badosa, Ostapenko, Pegula advance on day of upsets

Agencies, California: The number 24 seed Jelena Ostapenko is into the quarterfinals of the BNP Paribas Open for the first time in four-main-draw appearances at the BNP Paribas Open, upending No. 2 seed Iga Swiatek of Poland, 6-4, 6-3, at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on Tuesday.

The Nos. 1 and 2 seeds have now been bounced on consecutive days, with top seed Karolina Pliskova having fallen to lucky loser Beatriz Haddad Maia of Brazil, 6-3, 7-5, on Monday.

The day began with another marquee upset, as 19th seed Jessica Pegula of the U.S. stunned No. 4 seed Elina Svitolina of Ukraine, 6-1, 6-1, in 68 minutes.

US Open finalist and No. 23 seed Leylah Fernandez of Canada saw her run come to an end against unseeded American Shelby Rogers, who booked a quarter-final matchup with Ostapenko via a 2-6, 6-1, 7-6(4) thriller in Stadium 1.

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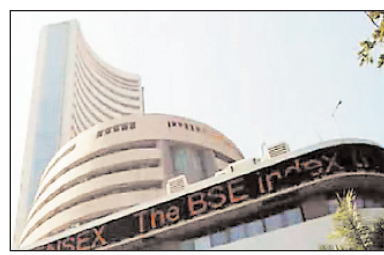
Sensex ends historic high at 60,737.05 pts

Mumbai (UNI)

The equity market maintained its winning streak intact for the fifth consecutive session on Wednesday, as the BSE Sensex zoomed 452.74 pts to close at 60,737.05 following a spurt in stocks include Auto, Utilities, Power and Industrials.

IMF's GDP forecast, shows India's growth at 9.5 per cent in 2021-22 and at 8.5 per cent in 2022-23, gave phillip to the investor sentiment.

Other important indicators like the country's retail inflation, which fell in September, falling to a five-month low of 4.35 per cent, while the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) rising to 11.9 per cent YoY in August too impacted the equity market.



The Nifty of National Stock Exchange (NSE) too rallied by 169.80 pts at 18,161.75.

The market opened on a strong note as the Sensex edged up 325 pts at 60,619.81. During the day it spurted 552 pts at 60,836.63, days high before closing at 60,737.05, up by 452.74 pts from its previous close.

The Sensex registered the day's high and low at 60,836.63 and 60,452.29 pts respectively.

The Nifty recorded days high and low at 18,197.80 and 18,050.75 pts respectively.

The sectoral indices that shot up were Auto, Utilities, Power, Industrials and Metal stocks.

The scrips that shone were M&M, up by 5.22 pc to 936 followed by Powergrid, ITC, L&T and Tech Mahindra, however selling in Maruti Suzuki, Hind Unilever, Nestle India and Axis Bank restricted from further gains, a broker informed.

The Mid Cap rose by 1.56 pc and Small Cap by 0.59 pc.

In 30 scrips, 21 advanced while nine declined.

The sectoral indices that soared were Auto by 3.46 pc followed by Utilities by 2.62 pc, Industrials by 2.39 pc, Power by 2.23 pc and Metal by 1.49 pc.

Fintech startup raises USD 100 mn investment from major global firms

Thiruvananthapuram (UNI)

Fintech startup mentored by Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) has raised USD 100 million investment from major global firms, including Internet giant Google, taking the total sum raised so far by the firm to USD 137 million.

Open, a neo-banking platform for SMEs, netted this huge investment, amounting to more than Rs 753 crore, in a Series C financing to accelerate its future plans. Singapore's sovereign wealth fund Temasek led the round, and Google and Japan's SBI Investment, as well as existing investors Tiger Global and 3one4 Capital participated in it, a release said here on Wednesday.

Founded by Anish Achuthan, Mabel Chacko, Deena Jacob and Ajesh Achuthan in 2017, the startup has partnership with over a dozen top banks in India. Commenting on the investment, John M Thomas, CEO, KSUM, said that it's a major achievement for a startup from the state.

"It shows that our startups are highly competent to attract investment from big global players. This also comes as an encouragement for promising startups in our ecosystem," he said.

"We are delighted to have Open in our startup ecosystem and I congratulate the founders on achieving new heights. We are certain that the firm will come up with more critical solutions for the fintech sector," Mr Thomas added.

Anish Achuthan, Co-founder and CEO, Open, said the firm plans to use the fresh funds to strengthen and accelerate its new product lines - Zwitch, an embedded finance platform and BankingStack and the cloud-native SME banking platform for financial institutions. Its technology is currently deployed at over 15 banks in India.

"We are helping banks build their own new-age digital banking platforms and also offering solutions to other fintech startups to build their embedded finance, and the current round of funding has come at the right time", he said.

Reliance Jewels ushers in festivities with "Kaasyam Collection"

An exquisite range of fine jewellery inspired by Divine, mythical, artistic and cultural traditions of Banaras



Mumbai: Reliance Jewels, one of India's most trusted jewellery brands, has launched an exquisite collection of fine jewellery, "Kaasyam", to mark the beginning of this festive season. The collection is inspired by the Art and Culture, Temples and Architectural Marvels that personifies Banaras' rich heritage, tradition and beliefs.

Customers get to choose from a variety of intricately designed and tastefully crafted jewellery pieces themed on art forms of Kashi Vish-

wanath Durga Kund temple, Ratnesh Mahadev temple, Vishalakshi & Buddhist temple, Ramnagar Fort, Tulsi Ghat, Ancient Gateways & Jantar Mantar, along with the Banarasi Saree, Ganga Aarti, Ganga Ghat, and the vibrant & beautiful art forms of Gulabi Meenakari & Repousse.

To continue with the design legacy and to make the festivities of Navratri, Durga Puja, Diwali & Dhanteras as well as special occasions like weddings even more special for their customers, Reliance Jewels has



launched this magnificent collection that celebrates the rich cultural heritage, architectural marvels and arts of Banaras in the form of beautiful necklaces, earrings and bangles in Gold and Diamond.

The collection offers an extensive choice where customers can choose from the splendid and luxury-oriented opulent choker sets; to long, intricate and elegant necklace sets; to delicate and beautiful necklace sets and bangles. There is a wide range to suit various occasions and budgets. The design in

detailing and the intricate craftsmanship of the Banarasi saree. Gulabi Meenakari Collection: It is one of the rarest crafts in India that is practiced in the by-lanes of Banaras, near Gai Ghat. This art was brought to the city of Varanasi by Persian enamellists during the Mughal era around the early 17th century. The word 'meena' is the feminine form of the Persian word 'Minoo' and means 'heaven'. It refers to the azure colour of heaven. The jewellery pieces inspired by this art form is vibrant, unique and a perfect adornment for the woman of today.

Kashi Vishwanath Temple Collection: This temple collection is based on one of the most famous Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. Structure of the Mandir is

composed of three parts. The first compromises a spire on the Mandir of Lord Vishwanath or Mahadeva.

The second is gold dome and the third is the gold spire a top Lord Vishwanath carrying a flag and a trident. These intricacies have been added into the beautiful necklace sets that is inspired by this temple. Ancient Gateways Collection: Banaras is a visual delight to everyone with an eye for detail. Be it the fascinating old narrow lanes, or indigenous house structures, or magnificently engraved temples; what makes the first sight of the city most welcoming is the intricately carved ancient gateways. A symbol of divinity brought alive with the carving of lotus buds have been captured in the necklace sets crafted by us.

The various splendors of Banaras captured in Kaasyam collections include: Banarasi Saree Collection: Banarasi sarees are among the finest sarees in India and are known for their gold and silver brocade or zari, fine silk and opulent embroidery. Few of the exquisite gold and diamond sets are inspired by the