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Saudi Arabia to host inaugural World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships
Riyadh: Saudi Arabia will host the first edition of the World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships from Nov. 25 to 27 in Riyadh. The competition attracts 171 players and 85 officials from 36 countries and regions as well as the refugee team, according to a World Taekwondo release on Wednesday. The athletes will compete across eight weight categories, namely -46kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -62kg, -67kg and -73kg in addition to the open weight class. Saudi Arabia will send 10 athletes to compete.

Key UEFA games for Real and Atletico Madrid on Wednesday night

Madrid: Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid are both in UEFA Champions League action on Wednesday night in important matches for their European future. Real Madrid travel to Moldova to face Sheriff Tiraspol, who produced arguably the shock of the tournament so far when they won 1-0 in the Santiago Bernabeu at the end of September. Despite that setback, Real Madrid are now top of their qualifying group, although another defeat to Sheriff would leave qualification hanging on the last group match at home to Inter Milan. Coach Carlo Ancelotti has taken every available player to Moldova, although Gareth Bale, Fede Valverde, Dani Ceballos and Eden Hazard have remained in the Spanish capital. Atletico have a more difficult task ahead of them if they want to reach the knockout stages of the tournament after their two recent defeats to Liverpool.

441 weather forecasting facilities sets up for Beijing 2022

Beijing: The Beijing Meteorological Service (BMS) said on Monday that 441 facilities have been set up for weather forecast during Beijing 2022 in the three competition zones of Beijing, Yanqing and Zhangjiakou. "The weather forecasting system developed by the meteorological team of Beijing 2022 performed well during the test events, which enabled accurate weather forecast by the minute for a range of 100 meters. The three competition zones now can coordinate to provide meteorological service for participants during the Games," said Liang Feng, deputy director of the BMS.

Ist Test: Focus on Rahane, Ishant as young Indian team take on NZ in Kanpur

Kanpur (UNI)
 For many in Team India, taking a sweat revenge over New Zealand for their loss in the finals of the ICC World Test Championship could be a dream to live on, but for some of them, it is battle royal to keep intact their careers, when both the sides take field at the Green Park Stadium here in the first Test starting Thursday.
 Captain Ajinkya Rahane and pacer Ishant Sharma are under tremendous pressure, as both of them have not performed to their potential as a middle order batsman and fast bowler, respectively.
 Rahane, as rightly pointed out by former India cricketer Gautam Gambhir, has been fortunate enough to find a place in Team India, in spite of a dismal batting average of 19 in 11 Test matches this season.
 The only time he relished his batting was, when he cracked his 12th century in the Border-Gavaskar Test Series Down Under last December

in the Melbourne Test, which India won eventually.
 Rahane's ton was an epic as he came in to bat with India reeling at 64 for three. He took his time as the Aussie bowlers were on top, hitting the right areas and keeping things tight. Once he saw off the early storm and settled in, he started picking runs and putting the loose balls away.
 Since this gigantic effort, Rahane has not been in scoring terms. Probably he can take a cue from the Melbourne century, where he paced his innings nicely. And, Chesteshwar Pujara, his deputy for the Test match beginning tomorrow, rightly pointed out that the captain should be a bit fearless in his approach.
 Rahane has been too protective about his wicket, with most of the time going into the shell, for reasons not far off to fetch, as he is worried about his career, which has been sliding down the hill. He also is pretty aware of Suryakumar Yadav and Shreyas Iyer, who could nudge him



out by putting up consistent performances.
 Shreyas, however, got the nod ahead of Suryakumar as he was the original choice of the selectors, and going by the net session, his Mumbai mate had batted deep down in the evening.
 Shreyas could be in the scheme of things of Head Coach Rahul Dravid and Rahane to replace Rishabh Pant, who could bring aggression into the game along with wicketkeeper-batsman Wriddhi-

man Saha, considering Pujara, Rahane and Hanuma Vihari being defensive players.
 Mayank Agarwal and Shubnam Gill, at the top, will be looking to grab the opportunity to get a big score to force the selectors to book their tickets for Johannesburg for the South Africa series. If Mayank shines, KL Rahul will be under pressure to consistently put on a good show.
 Shubnam, on the other hand, will consider himself to be lucky to open the innings along with Mayank, otherwise there were speculations that he would find himself batting in the middle order, which he has not done of late.
 Ishant, a 100-Test veteran, is also on testing ground with the likes of Mohammed Siraj, who is doing his best to cement his place. The Hyderabad-lad has taken 30 wickets in nine Test matches, with a haul of 5 for 73 against Australia being his best bowling figures in an innings, and 8 for 126 against England being

the best bowling figures in a match.
 But one player who would be itching to prove regular captain Virat Kohli wrong is veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, who was not only ignored for white-ball cricket for 4 years, but also was not given a chance to play a single match in the England Test series, despite being picked up in the side.
 It was not a surprise that former India great Dilip Vengsarkar vehemently criticised the omission of Ashwin despite being the best spinner across formats with more than 600 international wickets to his credit.
 No wonder Ashwin's inclusion in Playing XI will be a treat for the fans as the tweak-master will be eager to take on Captain Kane Williamson, who makes a comeback into the New Zealand Test side after opting out of the three-match T20I series, and seasoned campaigners like Ross Taylor, Tom Latham, Henry Nicholls.

Shreyas to make Test debut against New Zealand

Kanpur (UNI)
 Shreyas Iyer is all set to make his Test debut for India against New Zealand in the first game at Kanpur, Ajinkya Rahane confirmed on Wednesday.
 India will take on New Zealand in the first Test from November 25 to 29 followed by second game in Mumbai between December 3-7. The series is part of the ICC World Test Championship.
 The middle-order batter, Iyer, played all three T20Is against the Kiwis. He was handy with the bat in the final match and impressed with his fielding skills too.
 "Shreyas is going to make his debut tomorrow. Unfortunately, KL is injured and not part of the series



so yeah," Rahane, who will lead India, said on the eve of the match at a virtual press conference.
 India wicket-keeper batter KL Rahul was ruled out of the two-match Test series after sustaining a muscle strain on his left thigh. He

will subsequently undergo rehabilitation at National Cricket Academy (NCA) to prepare for the series against South Africa, which is scheduled in mid-December.
 "See, it's a big blow. KL Rahul is not available for these two Test matches. He did really well in England. He was in good form in T20s and played really well.
 Obviously, we'll miss him but we have guys who can fill that slot, guys who did well for us in the past. Not too worried about the opening slot," Rahane noted.
 Besides Rahul, India will be without the services of regular captain Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Rishabh Pant.

TT World Championships Finals: Ayhika, Sathiyani move to next round; Manika, Sharath bow out

Houston (UNI)
 India experienced mixed fortunes at the first day of the 2021 ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals here on Wednesday, while Ayhika Mukherjee and Sathiyani Ganasekaran sailed into Round of 64, Manika Batra and Sharath Kamal suffered shocking defeats.
 Ayhika registered a comfortable victory over Farah Abdel Aziz of Egypt by 4-2 (11-7, 14-16, 8-11, 11-6, 11-9, 11-6) and secured her spot at the women's singles Round of 64. She will next take on Hina Hayata of Japan.
 In the men's singles Junior World Championship, Sathiyani defeated Yaroslav Zhmudenko of

Ukraine in straight games by 4-0 (11-2, 11-9, 11-4, 11-3) in the Round of 128. After a confident win over the Ukrainian, Sathiyani will be up against lower ranked Valdimir Sedorenko of Russia in Round-64.
 On the other hand, veteran Indian paddler Sharath Kamal, who is ranked 30, suffered a shocking defeat at the hands of lower ranked Cedric Nuytink of Belgium by 1-4 (11-9, 5-11, 6-11, 7-11, 9-11). Commonwealth Gold medalist and star Indian paddler Manika Batra couldn't manage to get past her opponent Bruna Takahashi of Brazil and went down fighting by 3-4, (11-5, 15-13, 8-11, 4-11, 6-11, 11-4, 7-11) in the women's singles opening round.

Harmanpreet named WBBL Player of Tournament

Melbourne (UNI): Harmanpreet Kaur, has been named Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) Player of the Tournament, becoming the first Indian to receive the top honours on Wednesday.
 Harmanpreet joins New Zealand's Sophie Devine and Amy Satterthwaite as international players to receive the title in the women's premier event Down Under. The India T20 skipper had an impressive season with Melbourne Renegades, ending as her side's leading run-getter with 399 and picking up 15 wickets. She played a crucial role for Renegades and earned player of the match award thrice in the league matches.



Chennaiyin kick off ISL campaign with 1-0 win after sealing second-half penalty

Bambolim (UNI)
 Chennaiyin FC kicked off their 2021-22 Indian Super League campaign with 1-0 victory against Hyderabad FC here on Tuesday.
 Both teams failed to test the goalkeepers as they went into half-time nil-nil.
 Chennaiyin started off the second half splendidly, but it was a clumsy tackle from Hitesh Sharma on Anirudh Thapa in his own box gave "Machchas" a penalty which was easily converted by Vlagyimir Koman in the 66th minute, giving them a precious lead.
 Hyderabad pushed hard for the equalizer, as Manolo made four changes in the second half but his side failed to find the back of the net in spite of registering 11 shots, three of them on target.
 Laxmikant Kattimani pulled off a brilliant save to deny Chennaiyin a goal with their only other shot on target as they managed to hold on tight at the back till the final whistle.

In the first half, Manolo Marquez gave starts to overseas trio Edu Garcia, Bart Ogbeche and Juanan, as Hyderabad put in a decent performance but failed to find a goal.
 It started with an early change for Hyderabad, who had to get Halicharan Narzary off the field just 10 minutes into the game with a knock. Nikhil Poojary replaced him on the wing and Manolo's men looked settled for most of the first half.
 It was a story of missed chances for Hyderabad as the likes of Mohammad Yasir, Edu Garcia, Asish Rai and Bart Ogbeche were constantly involved in chances that could have been converted on another day.
 This result put an end to Hyderabad's 12-game unbeaten run and they will look to bounce back when they take on Mumbai City at Fatorda on Saturday, Nov 27, in what will be the first ISL game to kick off at 21:30.

BUSINESS

MB Power, ACC, join hands to transport fly ash using Indian Railways in MP

Anuppur: With a view to enhance its commitment to protecting the environment, leading diversified power producer, MB POWER has started to supply Conditioned Fly Ash (CFA) through Indian Railways to the ACC's cement factory in Kymore, Katni. MB POWER will transport the CFA from its flagship thermal power plant at Jaithari, Anuppur in Madhya Pradesh to ACC Cement thus ensuring proper utilization of fly ash. MB POWER's Anuppur facility is amongst the first few facilities in the country to undertake such an initiative.
 The first rake of fly ash was flagged off from the Shadol Division of Madhya Pradesh, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the region, by Shri



Rajeev Sharma, Commissioner, Shahdol Division and Ms. Sonia Meena, Collector, Anuppur District in the presence of Shri BK Mishra, Plant Head and COO, MB Power.
 Shri Rajeev Sharma, Commissioner of Police, Shahdol Division said, "This initiative is very effective towards fly ash management and proper utilization of this byproduct

of power plants. It is a solution to many complex problems in the locality, from traffic to the environment. It will inspire other industries too."
 Ms. Sonia Meena, Collector, Anuppur District also shared her views, "Fly ash transportation through heavy vehicles is a major challenge in the locality. With this, MB Power has helped ease traffic congestion in the area and environmental threats. Such an initiative is highly noble for others to emulate." Shri BK Mishra, Plant Head -Anuppur and COO, MB Power said, "It is a proud moment for us; this initiative clearly demonstrates our commitment to being a responsible corporate citizen."

Union Bank of India partners with Capri Global Capital Ltd.

Mumbai: Union Bank of India, a leading Public Sector Bank of the country today entered into Co-Lending agreement with the Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL), a leading NBFC focused on lending to MSMEs and affordable Housing finance segment to offer MSMEs loans. Through this collaboration, Union Bank of India and CGCL aim to disburse MSME loans initially across 100+ touch points pan-India.
 This agreement was signed under the Co-Lending guidelines issued by RBI in November 2020 for Co-Lending to the Priority Sector. The collaboration will help MSMEs to avail customized lending solutions at a competitive rate of interest with a significant reduction in turn-around time.
 The Co-Lending agreement aims to enhance last-mile finance



and drive financial inclusion to MSMEs by offering Secured Loans between Rs. 10 lakhs to ₹100 lakhs. This Co-Lending arrangement will entail joint contribution of Credit to the prospective MSME customers in Tier II and Tier III markets.
 Speaking on the occasion, Shri Rajkiran Rai G, MD and CEO, Union Bank of India said, "Union

Bank is committed to support the MSMEs by providing tailor-made financial solutions and accelerating the growth of MSMEs to contribute to the country's economic development.
 The partnership with Capri Global Capital Ltd is part of Bank's strategy to bring synergy between both the companies that will help us serve the most deserving and underserved businesses in smaller towns across the country."
 Speaking on the development, Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Managing Director, Capri Global Capital Ltd said, "We are glad to partner with Union Bank of India. Our association with this centenarian Bank has always proved to be a positive reinforcement of our aspirations and values."

Okaya Power Group unveils Okaya Royale Lithium Battery for Home Inverter and UPS Application

New Delhi: Continuing with its mission to drive innovation, Okaya Power Group has unveiled "Okaya Royale", an exclusive new range of Lithium Battery for Home Inverter and UPS. Equipped with cutting edge latest technology and easy to install features, Okaya Royale is compatible with all the major make and models of Inverters (Lead Acid or Lithium Compatible).
 "Okaya Royale" is designed and developed after extensive research into preferences and demand of its customers. It has a wide range of exclusive features such as 3X times fast charging, inbuilt Display Screen and Battery capacity LED Indicator, besides having elegant look with a Smart Battery Display screen showing Battery %, Voltage, Charge and Discharge Status, Light Weight & Small foot print.
 Unveiling the exciting range of

'Okaya Royale' Lithium Battery for Home Inverter and UPS, Mr. Anil Gupta, Managing Director, Okaya Power Group said, "At Okaya, we realized that the sudden and frequent power cuts during working hours as well as throughout the day in most of the regions across the country have been affecting the day-to-day life of everyone. The situation is so grim that the inverters and UPS with low-quality batteries hardly come to the rescue of consumers.
 Looking at this scenario, we have launched the range of 'Okaya Royale' Lithium Battery for Home Inverter and UPS application. Strong and powerful beyond measure, 'Okaya Royale' not only promises longer backup, Faster charging but state-of-the-art features as well such as Inbuilt Display Screen and Battery capacity LED Indicator, among others."

Swedish delegates in Pune

Pune (UNI): Delegates from the Embassy of Sweden in Delhi, Consulate General of Sweden in Mumbai, Swedish Chamber of Commerce in India (SCCI), Business Sweden (BS) arrived here on Tuesday to meet local stakeholders for continued engagement in the Swedish sectors of expertise - sustainability and innovation, it was reported on Wednesday.
 It also marked the launch of the results of 'Environmental Sustainability Mapping Study' of Swedish companies in west India, with primary presence in Pune. The event which was organized last evening, discussed, an 'Environmental Sustainability Mapping Study' of 18 Swedish companies which was commissioned by the Consulate General of Sweden in Mumbai and the Swedish Chamber of Commerce India (SCCI) in association with Centre for Environmental Research and Education (CERE).

Angel One targets new-age clients with the Smart Sauda 2.0 campaign, encourages them to use 'very smart' solutions for their investing needs

Mumbai: Fintech platform Angel One Limited (previously known as Angel Broking Limited) has launched its new campaign Smart Sauda 2.0 to encourage the new-age investors to hop on the capital market bandwagon by using its very smart solutions. The campaign is driven across social media platforms, OTTs, business channels, display platforms, audio streaming platforms, etc.
 As part of the campaign, Angel One has launched three TVCs targeting the new-age investors in tier 2, tier 3 and beyond cities. The TVCs show three youngsters making smart decisions in their lives by getting the first job, buying a bike and opening a dance studio. GenZ and millennials are always seeking smarter ways of doing things, ranging from having a side hustle to following their passion. Hence,

the TVCs further highlight how smart people can benefit from 'very smart' propositions of Angel One for their investment needs. The Fintech platform's smart options like Quick Account Opening & Smart Recommendations with ARQ Prime fit the needs of new-age investors.
 The TVCs underline that Angel One empowers the smart new-age investor with 'very smart' solutions for their investing needs. Sharing his thoughts on the campaign, Prabhakar Tiwari, Chief Growth Officer, Angel One Ltd, said, "At Angel One, we aim to help the new-age investors in their investment journey with our advanced solutions backed by Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. Our new campaign celebrates the new Indian investor, who is aware of what is good for them."

They know about technology and deploy it to fulfil a wide range of tasks. Our campaign 'Smart Sauda 2.0' familiarizes these smart investors with investment solutions that can help them manage their money very smartly."
 Narayan Gangadhar, Chief Executive Officer, Angel One Ltd, said, "With the launch of Smart Sauda 2.0, we want to highlight how smart investors can achieve their financial goals by starting their investment journey with Angel One.
 Our smart recommendations through ARQ Prime and other digital tools like Smart Money will help the new-age investors make informed investment decisions. Similarly, our zero brokerage fee promotes investments in stocks as a preferred avenue for long-term growth."