

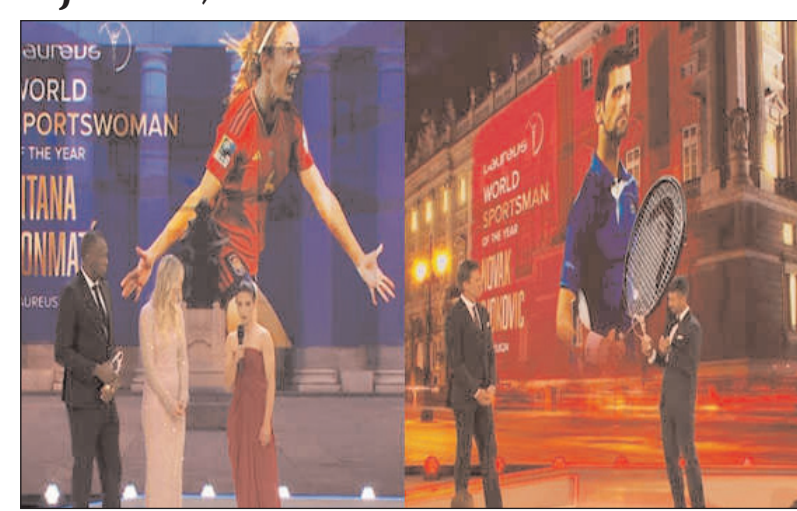
IPL: 2024 Yuzvendra Chahal makes history by claiming 200 wickets

Jaipur, (UNI) Yuzvendra Chahal, the Rajasthan Royals leg-spinner, has etched his name in the history books by becoming the first bowler to claim 200 wickets in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Chahal reached this milestone during the match against Mumbai Indians here a few hours ago. Chahal's landmark wicket came in the eighth over of Mumbai Indians' innings when he dismissed Mohammad Nabi. On just his third ball, Chahal induced an upper edge from Nabi's bat, allowing him to take an easy catch. The leg-spinner's journey in the IPL began in 2013 with Mumbai Indians, although he was initially signed by them in 2011. His career truly took off in 2014 when Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) acquired him. Between 2014 and 2021, Chahal played 113 matches



for RCB, claiming 139 wickets at an impressive average of 22.03, making him the highest wicket-taker for the franchise. However, ahead of the IPL 2022 mega auction, RCB chose not to retain Chahal. He was subsequently bought by Rajasthan Royals for Rs 6.5 crore. Since joining RR in 2022, Chahal has been a consistent performer, contributing significantly to the team's success. In the 2022 season, Chahal played a pivotal role in RR's journey to the final, where he took 27 wickets at an economy rate of 7.75. His standout performance came against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), where he claimed his only five-wicket haul in the league. Chahal's achievement of 200 wickets in the IPL is a testament to his skill, dedication, and consistency as a bowler.

Djokovic, Bonmati win Laureus Awards



Madrid, (UNI) Serbian tennis legend Novak Djokovic was named as the Sportsman of the Year and Spanish footballer Aitana Bonmati won the women's counterpart on Monday night at the 25th Laureus World Sports Awards held here. In a ceremony held at one of the Spanish capital's most emblematic buildings - the Palacio de Cibeles, Djokovic said, "We are individual athletes, but every success we owe to our family and our team. My team has been instrumental in my success in 2023, which was one of the best seasons of my life." Novak Djokovic, who won the Australian, French and US Open titles to take his number of Grand Slams to 24, held off opposition from Leo Messi, Max Verstappen, Erling Haaland, Noah Lyles and Mondo Duplantis to win the prestigious 2024 Award. The event was attended by some of the biggest names in sport from the past and present, such as Djokovic, athletes including Jessica Ennis-Hill, Michael Johnson and Edwin Moses, former footballers including Cafu, Alessandro Del Piero, Marcel Desailly and Rudud Gullit, and gymnasts including

Nadia Comaneci and Li Xiaopeng. Bonmati, who helped Spain win the 2023 Women's World Cup and led FC Barcelona to a domestic double, thanked her companions at Barcelona and the national team for their help in her winning the award. The Spanish Women's Football Team was then given the Award for Laureus World Team of the Year after winning the World Cup. Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham won the World Breakthrough of the Year award, after his debut season with the Spanish club. The award was an extra reason to celebrate following his injury time winning goal against FC Barcelona on Sunday night. American gymnast Simone Biles was given the Laureus World Comeback of the Year after winning four gold medals at the World Championship, including a record sixth all-around title after her two-year absence following the Tokyo Olympics. Skateboarder Arisa Trew was the Laureus World Action Sports person of the Year, while Diede de Groot was the Laureus World Sports person of the Year with a Disability after recording her third straight calendar Grand Slam.

FC Goa take on Mumbai City FC in ISL semi-final



Margao, (UNI) FC Goa will host Mumbai City FC in the first leg of their semi-final fixture of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2023-24 on Wednesday, at 7:30 pm IST. The Gaurs qualified for the last-four by defeating Chennaiyin FC by 2-1 in their playoffs clash, causing the two west coast rivals to lock horns with each other across 180 minutes for a place in the grand finale of the 10th season of the ISL. Contrastingly, the Islanders were at the receiving end of a 2-1 defeat against the Mohun Bagan Super Giant in the title-winning clash at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on April 15. They still finished the league stages at the second spot, ensuring that they made it straight to the semi-finals and didn't have to contest the playoffs for the same. FC Goa endured a bit of a lean period after the season restarted. They faced three losses in the

first five matches of the second half of the campaign. However, four victories in five encounters before the playoffs meant that they cruised to finish the league in the third place. Even in the knockouts, they were assertive from the offset, securing a two-goal lead thanks to goals by Noah Sadaoui and Brandon Fernandes before Lazar Cirkovic pulled a goal back for Marina Machans. On the other hand, Mumbai City FC won eight of the nine games they played after Jamshedpur FC won 3-2 against them in the City of Dreams in February. It all, however, went down the wire and the Mariners managed to edge past them in a hotly contested fixture in the home game of the latter. FC Goa ended up securing 45 points in the 22 matches that they played in the league, only three behind the Champions Mohun Bagan Super Giant and two fewer than runners-up Mumbai City FC.

LSG wins toss, asks CSK to bat first



Chennai, (UNI) Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) won the toss and invited five time winners Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to bat first in an IPL match here on Tuesday night. While LSG retained the same team that beat CSK at home last

Friday by eight wickets, CSK made one change, bringing in Darryl Mitchell for an out of form opener Rachin Ravindra. The teams : CSK: Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ajinkya Rahane, Darryl Mitchell, Moeen Ali, Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, MS Dhoni, Deepak Chahar, Tushar Deshpande, Mustafizur Rahman, Mageesha, Pathirana. Subs: Rizvi, Thakur, Rasheed, Ravindra, Santner LSG: Q de Kock, KL Rahul, MP Stoinis, DJ Hooda, N Pooran, A Badoni, KH Pandya, MJ Henry, Ravi Bishnoi, Mohsin Khan, Yash Thakur. Subs: Padikkal, Kulkarni, Gowtham, Yuvdhir, Sidharth.

Inter celebrate 20th Serie A title in Milan Derby

Rome, (UNI) Inter Milan won their 20th Serie A title, beating AC Milan 2-1 in a derby that witnessed three players sent off in the dying minutes. With a comfortable 14-point lead over second-placed AC Milan and only six rounds remaining, Inter Milan was poised to secure the Scudetto even before the derby, aiming to repeat their 2021 championship success. Entering the match at San Siro on Monday, Inter fielded a strong lineup with Lautaro Martinez and Marcus Thuram leading the attack, while AC Milan opted to bench Olivier Giroud, positioning Rafael Leao as the lone striker. The Nerazzurri, who had previously overwhelmed their city rivals 5-1 earlier in the season, opened the scoring in the 18th minute. Federico Dimarco's corner was deftly flicked on by Benjamin Pavard to



Francesco Acerbi, who headed it in. Lautaro missed an opportunity to extend the lead shortly afterward, sending the ball over the bar

from an unmarked position. AC Milan had the chance to equalize but Yann Sommer got down well to deny Leao's strike, while at the oth-

er end Thuram's attempt was inches wide. Inter Milan doubled the lead straight after the break in a spectacular fashion when a long ball over the top found Thuram, who cut inside and feinted a curler to the far top corner, but instead the Frenchman smashed it with ferocity into the near corner, surprising goalkeeper Mike Maignan. AC Milan then threw on Giroud and Noah Okafor to strengthen the attack, and their efforts paid off in the 80th minute when Matteo Gabbia's header was parried onto the post, before Fikayo Tomori headed it into the net. The match escalated in stoppage time with the dismissals of Denzel Dumfries and Theo Hernandez from Inter and AC Milan, respectively, and soon after, Davide Calabria was also sent off for elbowing Inter's Davide Frattesi.

BUSINESS

Air India and All Nippon Airways to begin codeshare partnership

Gurugram (UNI) Air India, India's leading global airline, and All Nippon Airways, the largest Japanese carrier, have signed a codeshare agreement connecting their networks. The new commercial partnership will provide more travel opportunities for customers of both airlines, who will benefit from the enhanced flight selections between India and Japan, according to a media statement here on Tuesday.



that Star Alliance offers to its premium members. Available for sale from 23 April 2024, Air India will add its 'AI' designator code on ANA's flights between Tokyo Haneda and Delhi as well as Tokyo Narita and Mumbai, while All Nippon Airways will add its 'NH' designator code on Air India's flight between Tokyo Narita and Delhi. Air India and ANA are considering further expanding their cooperation on additional routes. "This codeshare agreement

with All Nippon Airways marks an important step forward in connecting India and Japan," said Nipun Aggarwal, Chief Commercial & Transformation Officer, Air India. This collaboration broadens our network connectivity and offers our guests seamless travel experiences and a wider choice of flights between the two countries. "We look forward to a successful collaboration with ANA and exploring further avenues for cooperation in the future," he added. This agreement will contribute to further consolidate the economic and commercial relations between India and Japan and will offer Indian tourists the opportunity to broadly discover the wonders of Japan and to Japanese citizens the opportunity to easily travel to India, ensuring the highest standards of safety.

Artisanal single malt Godawan in more states

Godawan, an artisanal single malt whisky that defies traditional norms while keeping tradition at its core, has announced that it has entered Punjab, Chandigarh, and Madhya Pradesh - a move that strengthens its national presence across 7 markets in India. The brainchild of The Good Craft Co. from Diageo India, Godawan is crafting a distinctive single malt that challenges perceptions and defies traditional whisky production norms. Distilled in Alwar, a region devoid of conventional whisky making terroir, Godawan leverages Rajasthan's elevated temperatures, heritage techniques, and unique botanicals to bring to life a range of Indian single malts that will cater to every palate - Light and Floral, Fruity and Spicy, Rich and Rounded, Full bodied and Smoky. It achieves this by crafting a mother liquid that is flexible enough to manifest itself across each flavour profile.

RINL-VSP seeks help from all stakeholders in resolving severe coal crisis

Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), (UNI) In the backdrop of a severe coal crisis due to the halt in operations at Adani Gangavaram Port Limited (AGPL), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), popularly known as Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), has requested all citizens, stakeholders, contract workers, and people's representatives to come together and assist the plant in resolving the coal crisis. RINL is currently facing an unprecedented challenge as operations at AGPL have been halted since April 12, 2024, due to the workers' agitation. This interruption has severely impacted RINL's ability to access essential raw materials, including coking coal and limestone, which are indispensable for our production processes, said RINL Chairman and Managing Director Atul Bhatt in a statement here. The situation is dire, and the need for

swift action has never been more urgent. He said, "Without access to these critical resources, RINL's operations and, consequently, our ability to contribute to the nation's progress are at great risk." In this hour of need, "it is requested of all citizens, stakeholders, contract workers, and people's representatives to come together and assist RINL in resolving this crisis," he said. "Your timely intervention in this matter is paramount to ensuring the uninterrupted and safe operations of RINL, safeguarding jobs, and sustaining economic growth in our region," the CMD said. "We understand the challenges we face are significant, but we firmly believe that together, we can overcome them," said Bhatt, adding that "your cooperation in resolving this crisis will not only benefit RINL but will also contribute to the collective welfare of our community and nation."

Rising Preference for Premium Two-Wheelers: Athar Energy CEO Highlights Shift in India's Market Dynamics



Tarun Mehta, co-founder & CEO of Athar Energy, took to Twitter to shed light on a notable trend in India's two-wheeler market. He emphasized a rising preference for premium motorcycles and scooters, the shift towards premiumization is gaining momentum, with entry-level models gradually being replaced by higher-end alternatives. Mehta highlighted that while the shift to-

wards premium bikes, with engine capacities exceeding 110cc, has been ongoing for some time, the change in scooters has been particularly rapid. Over the past five years, the share of >110cc bikes has increased from 43% to 52%, and for scooters, it surged from 25% to 47%. This shift isn't just about ICE powered vehicles; it also includes electric vehicles (EVs). Specifically, a lot of 2W EV scooter sales now come from the premium market. He suggested that as India's per capita GDP continues to rise, this trend is expected to accelerate further. Mehta stressed that this shift is not confined to major cities like Bangalore, Delhi, or Mumbai but is a nationwide phenomenon. Even buyers in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities exhibit similar aspirations and purchasing behaviours. This change shows a bigger trend happening across India, not just in metropolitan cities but also majorly in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities.

Construction cost in India likely to rise by 6 pc in 2024: JLL

Hyderabad, (UNI) The overall construction cost in the country is expected to increase by an average 6 per cent across various sectors in the Financial Year (FY) 2024, according to a latest construction cost guidebook released recently by JLL, a leading global commercial real estate and investment management company. Among the cities, Mumbai continues to be the most expensive while Chennai offers a more cost-effective option, the Guidebook stated. The higher costs in Mumbai can be attributed to the increased prices of essential construction materials like cement, reinforcement steel, structural steel, and stones. The guidebook provides valuable insights into market trends and construction costs of real estate assets in major Indian markets. It includes a cost matrix that represents different styles and quality levels, along with an analysis of market trends for major building materials. Jipu Jose James, Managing Director, Project Development Services (PDS), JLL India said, "While the exact impact of the pandemic on construction cost is still a topic of discussion, the general trend is evident - construction cost is on the rise."

FHRAI seeks govt intervention to utilize increased FAR scheme for hotel industry expansion

New Delhi, (UNI) The apex association of hotels and restaurants - FHRAI - has approached the government for resolution of the long pending issue of not being able to use the provision of increased Floor Area Ratio (FAR), saying this is coming in the way of expanding the capacity and new hotel developments in Delhi. The Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI), has brought to light a critical issue hampering the hotel infrastructure development within the hospitality sector in Del-



FAR is contributing to a gap between the increasing demand fuelled by the escalating influx of airline passengers from 4 Crore to 7 Crore in 2024. Airlines are adding capacities with more than 1000 airplanes on order by Indigo and Air India, but there are no active pipelines of hotel development in Delhi. While airlines are rapidly expanding capacities, with significant orders for new aircraft, the pace of hotel construction remains flat, failing to align with an increasingly rapid demand. FHRAI highlighted that the inability of hotels in utilizing the increased