

B'desh edge out Nepal to qualify for T20 WC Super 8

St Vincent, (UNI)
In a thrilling showdown that summarised the drama of Group D, Bangladesh secured their place in the Super 8 of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 by defending the lowest total in the tournament's history. Facing a must-win situation against Nepal, the Tigers showcased a nerve-wracking yet historic performance to progress to the next round alongside South Africa. The match began with a shocker as Nepal's Sompal Kami dismissed Tanzid Hasan on the first ball, setting the tone for a gripping contest. Captain Najmul Hossain Shanto was bowled in the very next over, plunging Bangladesh into early despair. Nepal's bowlers



dominated the Powerplay, reducing Bangladesh to 31/4 by the sixth over. Despite a brief recovery attempt, a mix-up led to Mahmudullah's run out, and the Tigers found themselves struggling at 57/5 at the halfway mark. Rohit Paudel's sharp off-spin claimed the vital wicket of Shakib Al Hasan, and Sandeep Lamichhane's historic two-wicket burst, including his 100th T20I scalp, further crippled Bangladesh. The Tigers were eventually bowled out for 106, thanks to a late 18-run last-wicket stand that proved crucial.

Nepal's pursuit of 107 started shakily, with Tanzim Hasan Sakib's double-wicket maiden in the third over intensifying the pressure. Nepal was reeling at 24/4 by the end of the Powerplay. Kushal Malla and Dipendra Singh Airee steadied the innings, pushing Nepal to 42/5 at drinks. Despite Malla's dismissal in the 17th over, a timely six from Airee kept hopes alive. With 22 needed off the final 12 balls, Mustafizur Rahman delivered a match-defining wicket-maiden in the 19th over, sealing a 21-run victory for Bangladesh. Bangladesh's victory was a testament to their resilience and tactical acumen, marking the lowest total ever defended in a T20 World Cup match.



Mandhana, Sobhana steal show in women's ODI series opener against SA

Bengaluru, (UNI)
M Chinnaswamy Stadium witnessed a spectacle on Sunday, as India and South Africa clashed in the thrilling opener of the Women's ODI series. Amidst the roar of the fans, two names emerged as the protagonists of this cricketing saga: Smriti Mandhana and debutant Asha Sobhana. Mandhana, the beacon of Indian cricket, dazzled the audience with her exquisite century. Facing the adversity of early wickets, she stood tall, crafting an innings of sheer brilliance that guided India to a formidable total. Her strokes were poetry in motion, a testament to her talent and resilience under pressure. Team India found themselves in early trouble, with Shafali Verma (7) and Dayalan Hemalatha (12) falling cheaply. Captain Harmanpreet Kaur (10) also failed to leave a mark, as South Africa's bowlers capitalised on these early breakthroughs. At 99 for 5, India's prospects looked grim. Yet, amidst the adversity, Mandhana's resilience shone through. She anchored the innings and forged a crucial 81-run partnership with Deepti Sharma (37 off 48), which turned the tide in India's favour. Mandhana's composure under pressure and her ability to find gaps and play exquisite shots were a testament to her class. Even after Deepti's untimely dismissal, which could have stalled India's progress, Mandhana continued to lead the charge. Her innings, an exhibition of poise and power, saw her accumulate 117 runs off 112 balls, peppered with 11 boundaries and a towering six. Her magnificent century not only stabilised the innings but also laid a robust foundation for the team. Mandhana eventually fell in the deep towards the innings' close, but her contribution had already set a commanding tone. Late flourishes from Pooja Vastrakar (31*) and a final-over boundary by Sobhana Asha (8*) added crucial runs, pushing India to a competitive total.

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Sri Lanka bid adieu to T20 WC 2024 with win over Netherlands



St Lucia, (UNI)
Sri Lanka showcased their prowess in all three departments to secure a comfortable 83-run victory against the Netherlands in their final match of the 2024 T20 World Cup here on Monday. Despite an early setback, key contributions from the top and middle order propelled Sri Lanka to a formidable 201-6 on a favorable batting pitch. Netherlands kept it tight initially, with Vivian Kingma dismissing Pathum Nissanka early. However, Kusal Mendis and Kamindu Mendis broke free in the fifth over, setting a steady platform. The powerplay concluded with Sri Lanka at 45-2. Dhananjaya de Silva and Kusal Mendis stabilized the innings, with boundaries becoming scarce after the powerplay. An expensive over from Tim Pringle allowed Sri Lanka to accelerate, reaching 79-2 by the end of the middle phase.

Indian women finish 5th, men 6th in Asian Team Squash



Chennai, (UNI)
India women finished fifth and the men in sixth place in the Asian Team Squash Championships which concluded in Dalian, China on Sunday. The women beat Iran 2-0 in the match to decide the fifth and sixth positions with Rathika

Suthanthira Seelan and Pooja Arthi Raghu scoring comfortable wins. However, the men lost to South Korea 1-2, with Velavan Senthilkumar recording a win before Suraj Kumar Chand and Om Semwal lost by narrow margins. India results: Men: India lost to South Korea 1-2 (Velavan Senthilkumar bt Jeongmin Ryu 11-5, 11-1, 11-4; Suraj Kumar Chand lost to Minwoo Lee 11-7, 11-13, 9-11, 8-11); Om Semwal lost to Jooyoung Na 9-11, 6-11, 9-11). Women: India bt Iran 2-0 (Rathika Suthanthira Seelan bt Fereshteh Eghtedari 11-5, 11-9, 11-7; Pooja Arthi Raghu bt Parmin Nekopayantak 11-5, 11-7, 12-10).

Double delight for Sarthak, Basim, Rakshitha, Kaushik

Chennai, (UNI)
It was a day of the "double" at the Madras International Circuit, at Irungattukottai, about 40 km from here on Sunday as the first round of the MRF MMS-FCMSI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 concluded with the new generation of riders emerging to displace the old guard. Teenager Sarthak Chavan (Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open), schoolgirl Rakshitha Dave (Girls, Stock 165cc), Abdul Basim (Novice, Stock 165cc), and Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Novice, Stock 301-400cc) won both races this weekend in their respective National Championship categories. Barring Pune's Sarthak, the other three riders are from Chennai. Sarthak Chavan, the 17-year-old prodigy, established himself as the top gun in the premier Pro-Stock



301-400cc Open class, winning both races over the weekend in an emphatic manner. Following home in P2 in both races was another 17-

rest to scrap for the other podium spot. Sarthak, however, missed a possible win, despite starting P7 on the grid, in the other premier category, the Pro-Stock 165cc, when he crashed again after tangling with Chiranth when the two were fighting for 1-2 positions. The Pune youngster had crashed in Race-1 on Saturday when leading. Though both Sarthak and Chiranth recovered to rejoin the race, veteran TVS Racing team-mates Jagan Kumar, KY Ahamed and Deepak Ravikumar made the best of the free space in front to finish in that order. For Jagan, a multiple National champion, it was his first win of the season after a barren 2023. Chennai schoolgirl, 15-year-old Rakshitha Dave completed a fine double in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category.

BUSINESS

AIFI appoints Ashwani Jotshi as Secretary General

Pune: The Association of Indian Forging Industry (AIFI), the General Body of the Indian Forging Industry in India has announced the appointment of Ashwani Jotshi as its new Secretary General. With an illustrious career spanning over three decades at the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA), Jotshi brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of leadership to AIFI. Vikram Bajaj Managing Director and CEO Bajaj Motors and President of AIFI, congratulated Jotshi on his new role, stating, "We are delighted to welcome Ashwani Jotshi as the Secretary General of AIFI. His extensive experience and visionary leadership will be invaluable as we navigate the challenges and opportunities in the forging industry. We



look forward to his strategic insights and initiatives that will further strengthen our industry." Ashwani Jotshi, in a brief statement on his vision and goals for AIFI, said, "I am thrilled to take on the role of Secretary General at the Association of Indian Forging Industry (AIFI). The forging industry

plays a crucial role as a key link between critical manufacturing segments and end-user industries. With its presence in vital sectors like Automotive, Off-Highway, Railroad Equipment, Agriculture Machinery, Defense, and Aerospace, the Indian Forging industry is globally recognized for its technical expertise." He said further, "However, it faces challenges such as a shortage of skilled manpower, rising energy prices, low-cost imports, increasing raw material costs, and inadequate support for micro and small units. I am eager to work alongside the AIFI team to address these challenges and propel the Indian Forging industry towards greater success and global competitiveness." During his tenure at ACMA, Jotshi led several notable projects and achieved significant milestones.

Let's Set the Pace Together: The all-new BMW 1300 GS launched in India

Gurugram: BMW Motorrad India has launched the all-new BMW 1300 GS in India. This Adventure Motorcycle will be available as a Completely Built-up Unit (CBU) and deliveries will commence from end of June 2024. Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India said, "BMW Motorrad established the new segment of touring enduros more than four decades ago with the R 80 G/S. And the BMW GS with boxer engine has been the undisputed leader of the competitive field ever since. With the all-new BMW R 1300 GS, BMW Motorrad has focused on sharpening the GS even further. It is a perfect combination of power, comfort, and agility, making it the ideal motorcycle for any terrain. With its versatility and appeal, the all-new BMW R 1300 GS will exceed even the highest expectations. Nothing can stop you, especially off-road." Three option



styles are also available for individualization - Style Triple Black, Style GS Trophy and 719 Tramuntana. The all-new BMW R 1300 GS is available in the following color schemes-Base in Light White metallic, Optional Styles - Triple Black is available in Blackstorm metallic paintwork, GS Trophy is available in the Racing Blue metallic paintwork and the 719 Tra-

mountana is available in the Aurelius Green metallic paintwork. To enable customers to own BMW Motorrad motorcycles of their choice, BMW Financial Services India will offer customized and flexible financial solutions. Customers can also get their loans approved before delivery takes place. For complete peace of mind, all BMW Motorrad bikes come with a standard warranty for 'three years, unlimited kilometers', with an option to extend the warranty to fourth and fifth year. Road-Side Assistance, a 24x7 365 days package further ensures prompt services in case of breakdown and towing situations. The all-new BMW R 1300 GS. The all-new BMW R 1300 GS features an entirely new design which is based on the traditional GS icons while at the same time reflecting extreme compactness and significant weight reduction.

SBI Life's Papa Hain Na honours role of father

Mumbai: This Father's Day, SBI Life Insurance honours the multifaceted role played by fathers in their child's life as 'Life Mitra' - a friend, mentor & financial guardian. This is beautifully depicted in SBI Life's digital film released under the company's flagship digital property #PapaHainNa to highlight the pragmatic & insightful side of fathers, who apply their experiences to navigate through life's challenges. The digital film showcases the essence of SBI Life's brand philosophy, emphasizing the dual role played by fathers both as professionals and caregivers. By portraying a Life Mitra (life insurance advisor) in his element, guiding his son through a moment of crisis, the digital film aims to highlight how insurance advisors are well-equipped to handle both professional and personal challenges with

equal finesse. Speaking about the campaign, Ravindra Sharma, Chief of Brand, Corporate Communication & CSR, SBI Life, said, "Fathers have traditionally been seen as the providers for their families, working tirelessly to meet the needs and desires of their loved ones. However, this role has evolved significantly over the years." He further added, "We appreciate the remarkable commitment of SBI Life's 'Life Mitras' towards their profession while showering immense love on their children, pushing them to pursue their dreams, driving them to never give up in the most difficult of times. SBI Life's #PapaHainNa digital property acknowledges the role of every father who stands as an inspiration for their children, going above and beyond in supporting them and helping them achieve their dreams."

Union Bank of India's Retailathon 2024



Union Bank of India's Retailathon 2024, hosted at their Mumbai headquarters, showcased their esteemed legacy and strength. Held on June 15th and 16th at Kora Kendra, Ground 2, Borivali, this two-day event was inaugurated by Executive Director

Shri Sanjay Rudra, alongside Zonal Head Mumbai Abhijit Basak and other distinguished guests. The exhibition featured prominent participants from the real estate, automotive, and education sectors, highlighting their offerings. Union Bank of India offered tailored financial solutions, facilitating customers with instant approvals for their home and education aspirations. The footfall for the event was 2050 customers. Additionally, the event introduced 'Muskaan', an innovative initiative educating Union Bank's young clients under 18 about banking and financial prudence, aiming to inspire and engage the next generation.

Vicks breaks 'Sabse Badi Khabar' with Powerhouse Ranveer Singh



Vicks breaks SabseBadiKhabar "VickskiGoliAbHoGayihaiBadi" with powerhouse brand ambassador Ranveer Singh, unveiling the First-ever Double Powered Transformation of India's iconic Triangular Vicks Cough drops in two decades. Sahil Sethi, Category Leader,

Consumer Healthcare, P&G India said, "Vicks kiGoli Lo, KhichKhich Door Karo" the iconic brand jingle of Vicks Cough Drops instantly brings in nostalgia, having helped generations of Indians speak up with a khichkhich free voice since 1960s. Committed to build on this legacy we are always listening to what our consumers want and incorporating these insights across our product formulations and packaging. Along with the charismatic Superstar Ranveer Singh, we are delighted to announce our SABSE BADI KHABAR in decades - launch of Vicks Double Power Cough Drops, our first-ever double powered transformation of India's iconic triangular Vicks Cough drops."

