

Zverev clinches epic Wimbledon clash against Norrie

London, (UNI) Alexander Zverev showcased his relentless determination at Wimbledon, clinching a hard-fought victory to advance to the fourth round and setting his sights on continued triumphs. In a dramatic showdown on Centre Court, Zverev overcame a resilient Cameron Norrie in a grueling three-set encounter. The German star displayed his trademark power and finesse, securing a 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (17-15) win after a tense tie-break that saw him fend off five match points from the British contender. Zverev's performance underscored his stellar form this season, having reached the



semifinals of the Australian Open and the final of the French Open. His victory over Norrie marks his sixth consecutive win against the British No. 2, further solidifying his dominance in their encounters. Looking forward, Zverev remains focused and determined to advance deeper into the tournament. With his sights set on a potential quarterfinal berth, he prepares to face either American 13th seed Taylor Fritz or 24th-ranked Chilean Alejandro Tabilo in the next round. As the Wimbledon action intensifies, all eyes will be on Zverev as he continues his quest for further success on the prestigious grass courts of The All England Club.

Double delight for India at Asian doubles squash



Chennai, (UNI) India won two titles at the Asian Squash Doubles Championships which concluded in Johor (Malaysia) on Sunday, with Asian games medallist Abhay Singh recording a grand double. Abhay won the men's doubles crown along with Velavan Senthikumar as the top-seeded Indian duo cruised past second seeded Malaysian pair of Ong Sai Hung and Syafiq Kamal 11-4, 11-5. Later, Abhay and the experienced Joshna Chinappa, the third seeds, put it past the second-seeded Hong Kong duo of Tong Tsz Wing and Tang Ming Hong 11-8, 10-11, 11-5 to lift the mixed doubles title. "I'm very happy with the way Abhay and I performed this week. We were confident and got better as we advanced in the tournament," Senthikumar said. "It was timely of the SRFI and HCL to revive the National Doubles Championships after a long gap as it allowed us to gain momentum," he added. Joshna, who was conferred with the Padma Shri earlier this year, said, "It means so much to me to play for India again, especially since I was out of action for the last five months following a knee surgery. Playing doubles was a great opportunity to return to India action first before I get back on the PSA Tour."

Netherlands secure first Euro semifinal spot in two decades



Berlin, (UNI) In a thrilling Euro 2024 quarterfinal clash on Sunday, the Netherlands secured their place in the semifinals with a dramatic second-half comeback against a spirited Turkey side, marking their first European Championship semifinal berth in two decades. Turkey, led by Vincenzo Montella, seemed set for a final-four showdown with England when Samet Akaydin's powerful header found the back of the net, giving them a crucial lead. However, the Dutch responded with determination. A towering Stefan de Vrij header and a forced own goal by Mert Muldur, off a Cody Gakpo cross, turned the tide in favor of the Oranje. The match started with high intensity as the Dutch immediately showed their

Kerala: IT's soccer tourney kicks off at Technopark

Thiruvananthapuram, (UNI) The biggest football tournament in state's IT sector, organised by Prathidhwani, the welfare and recreation forum of IT employees at Technopark, in association with Yoodo Promotions and Raviz Hotels, kicked off at Technopark here on Saturday. Named Raviz Prathidhwani Sevens Football tournament, the event in sevens format will go on till August, with teams drawn from IT companies in the state battling it out for the title. Former Indian footballer Vinu Jose inaugurated the seventh edition of the tournament. MLA Kadakampally Surendran inaugurated an exhibition match between Kerala Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) Media XI and Prathidhwani team representing various IT companies at Technopark. The inaugural of the event also saw exchange of trophy by current winners, bike rally of teams and unveiling of teams' jersey. More than 2,000 IT employees from 93 companies will become part of the tourney in 152 matches, which will be held on Saturdays and Sundays on Technopark Ground. After the league round, there will be knock-out matches, followed by semi-finals and final that will be held on working days.

Historic win for Zimbabwe as they defeat India by 13 runs

Harare, (UNI) In a gripping spectacle at the Harare Sports Club, Zimbabwe orchestrated a sensational upset, defeating India by 13 runs in a nail-biting encounter on Saturday. The drama unfolded as India, tasked with chasing a modest 116 runs, stumbled disastrously from the onset. Debutant Abhishek Sharma fell for a duck, succumbing to Brian Bennett's deceptive delivery, caught at deep mid-wicket. The woes compounded with the swift departure of fellow debutant Riyan Parag, leaving India's batting lineup in disarray. Amidst the chaos, Shubman Gill emerged as the solitary beacon of hope, top-scoring with a determined 31 off 29 balls. Yet, his valiant effort was overshadowed by the lack of substantial support from the other end. Zimbabwe's Tendai Chatara (3/16) and skipper Sikan-



dar Raza (3/25) unleashed havoc, dismantling India's chase with surgical precision. As wickets tumbled like dominos, India teetered on the brink at 84-8 by the close of the 16th

over. Washington Sundar mounted a solitary resistance, crafting a gritty 27 off 34 balls. The equation boiled down to 16 runs needed off the final over, with just one wicket in hand—a herculean task that proved insurmountable. In the climactic last over, Sundar's valiant attempt ended in heartbreak. He perished off the penultimate ball, caught by Blessing Muzarabani at backward square leg off Chatara's bowling, sealing Zimbabwe's jubilant victory. Earlier in the day, Zimbabwe's own batting ordeal saw them struggle to 115 runs, stifled by Ravi Bishnoi's (4/13) devastating four-wicket haul. Despite promising starts from Westly Madhevere (21 off 22) and Dion Myers (23 off 22), Zimbabwe faltered, unable to capitalize on their partnerships. The victory marks a watershed moment for Zimbabwe cricket, a testament to their resilience and tenacity. The Harare fans erupted in euphoric celebration, reveling in their team's hard-earned triumph over the formidable Indian side.

BUSINESS

Ather Energy kicks off deliveries of its first family scooter, Rizta

Ather Energy, one of India's electric two-wheeler manufacturers, is thrilled to announce the commencement of deliveries for its family scooter, Rizta. Tarun Mehta, co-founder of Ather Energy, posted a tweet on social media stating, "The wait is finally over! Our first family scooter, Rizta, is on its way to you. Deliveries have started in Ahmedabad, Pune, Delhi, Lucknow, Agra, Jaipur, Nagpur, and across Andhra Pradesh, and will be coming to all other cities very soon." Designed with families in mind, the Rizta emphasizes comfort, convenience, and safety. Ather Rizta features one of the largest seats in its segment, ensuring ample space for its users, and offers 56L of storage space, including a 34L underseat capacity and an optional



22L Frunk accessory. It comes with a host of new connected features to enhance the riding experience, including features like

SkidControl™ and WhatsApp on the dashboard. Competitively priced for the mass market, the Rizta starts at INR. 1,09,999 (ex-showroom Bengaluru). Key Highlights of the Rizta: Models and Variants: The Rizta is available in two models, Rizta S and Rizta Z, with three variants featuring a 2.9 kWh battery and a top-end model with a 3.7 kWh battery. Range: The 2.9 kWh variants offer a range of 123 km, while the 3.7 kWh variant provides an impressive range of 159 km. Safety and Comfort: The Rizta includes innovative safety features such as SkidControl™, FallSafe™, Emergency Stop Signal (ESS), Theft & Tow Detect, and Find My Scooter. It also boasts one of the largest and most comfortable seats in the market, along with generous boot space.

RBI imposes monetary penalty on PNB for non-compliance regarding loans, advances & KYC norms

New Delhi, (UNI) In another case of non-compliance by a major PSU bank, the Central Bank has imposed a monetary penalty of more than Rs 1.31 crore on Punjab National Bank (PNB). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has, by an order dated July 3, 2024, imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1,31,80,000 on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Loans and Advances: Statutory and Other Restrictions', and 'Reserve Bank of India (Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016'. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in the RBI conferred under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the RBI said in a release. The Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE 2022) of the bank was conducted by the RBI with reference to its financial position as of March 31, 2022. Based on supervisory findings of non-compliance with RBI directions and related correspondence in that regard, a notice was issued to the bank advising it to show cause as to why a penalty should not be imposed on it for its failure to comply with the directions. After considering the bank's reply to the notice and oral submissions made during the personal hearing, RBI found, inter alia, that the following



charges against the bank were sustained, warranting the imposition of a monetary penalty. The bank (i) sanctioned working capital demand loans to two state-owned corporations against amounts receivable from the government by way of subsidies, refunds, or reimbursements, and (ii) failed to preserve the records pertaining to the identification of customers and their addresses obtained during the course of business relationships in certain accounts, the Central Bank said.

MERI startup festival sparks innovation & collaboration

New Delhi, (UNI) The Management Education and Research Institute (MERI) hosted a dynamic startup festival igniting a fervour of innovation and collaboration within India's burgeoning entrepreneurial landscape. The event, which saw an impressive turnout of over 80 applications and culminated in the participation of more than 50 startups, welcomed upwards of 100 entrepreneurs and over 10 investors, highlighting a robust interest in fostering entrepreneurial ventures in the region. With an investment potential soaring into crores, the festival

served as a pivotal platform for aspiring business leaders to showcase their ideas and attract critical funding. The festival held from December 11 to December 12, 2023, igniting a fervour of innovation and collaboration within India's burgeoning entrepreneurial landscape. A notable presence at the festival was Luv Aggarwal, an esteemed alumnus of NSUT Delhi, Columbia University New York, and the University of Chicago, who serves as a mentor at MERI Startup Hub. Addressing the enthusiastic audience, Aggarwal underscored India's prowess as a hub of innovative ideas and emphasised the institute's commitment to nurturing a supportive ecosystem for entrepreneurs.

Empowering Caregivers: AMC Launches Matheen Irfan Skill Centre

Bengaluru, (UNI) In a remarkable effort to support and uplift caregivers, the Association for the Mentally Challenged (AMC) launched the Matheen Irfan Skill Centre here on Saturday. This centre is the crowning achievement of Project ENRICH, aimed at empowering caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through comprehensive skill development programs. The inauguration was graced by Irfan Razack, Chairman and Managing Director of Prestige Group, who played a pivotal role in making the centre a reality. Razack's generous philanthropic grant, made in memory of his late son, Matheen Irfan, was instrumental in funding the centre. This effort was complemented by initial funding from Dr Srinivasa Murthy, whose vision and dedication were the driving forces behind the initiative. The Matheen Irfan Skill Centre, a 2600 sq ft, state-of-the-art facility located on the AMC grounds, is dedicated to providing family members of intellectually challenged individuals with vocational training.

Mahalakshmi Profiles bags 'FTCCI Excellence Award' in large industries category

Hyderabad, (UNI) Mahalakshmi Profiles bagged the 'FTCCI Excellence Award' in industrial all-round performance in the large industries category. Banita Agarwal, Sowmya Agarwal and Shriya Agarwal received the award from Telangana IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu and Member of Parliament Dr Mallu Ravi, at a function held here on Friday night. In 1959, we were the first re-rolling steel mill in Andhra Pradesh. In 1995, we

set up South India's first narrow-width strip mill. Since the beginning, the MPL Group has been committed to manufacturing superior products for the metal industry. With a team of experienced and devoted leaders at its helm, the company has emerged as a profit-making institution under the MPL Group and is committed to providing iron and steel solutions to the country's requirements, said Banita Agarwal on the occasion. Presently, we employ 1500 people directly and nearly 10,000 others in varying capacities. In 1996, M/s. Mahalakshmi Profiles Pvt. Ltd (MPL) began its journey as the producer of Hot Rolled Strips/Flats. As a product, it has multiple applications especially in the manufacturing of M.S. ERW and galvanized pipes, W Straps for collieries and Rolling Shutters. The primary input in the production process of Hot Rolled Strips/Flats is M.S. Billets, said Sowmya Agarwal. Today's award is a testament to our commitment to excellence in our industry!

