

Gill's 129 steers India to 518/5, WI 140/4 at close

New Delhi, (UNI) Shubman Gill's authoritative 129 anchored India's first innings as the hosts declared a massive 518 for 5, leaving the West Indies reeling at 140 for 4 by the close of the second day of the second Test at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here today.



From the moment he walked in, Gill set the tone with calm authority, blending aggression and composure, and guiding India to a commanding position.

Resuming on Day 2, India's innings surged forward. Yashasvi Jaiswal, in sublime touch, threaded a series of exquisite drives and crisp boundaries through the covers and midwicket, reaching 175 with 22 fours. A miscommunication with Gill brought an untimely run-

out, denying him a well-deserved double century, but the damage to the West Indies had already been inflicted.

Gill remained unflustered, driving, cutting, and lofting with precision, including a towering six over deep midwicket. His partnership of 100 with wicket-keeper-batsman Dhruv Ju-

reel, who contributed a composed 44, added both stability and momentum to the total. Nitish Kumar Reddy's lively 43, punctuated by two majestic sixes, ensured India crossed the 500-run mark before declaring, leaving the West Indies with a mountain to climb.

The West Indies reply began under immediate pressure. John Campbell fell cheaply to a sharp catch by Sai Sudharsan off Ravindra Jadeja, setting the tone for the innings. Teginarine Chanderpaul and Alick Athanaze attempted counter-attacking strokes, with Chanderpaul hitting a magnificent six over the bowler's head and Athanaze displaying audacious shots, including a reverse sweep for four off Washington Sundar and a lofted six over long-on off Kuldeep Yadav.

Despite these flashes of brilliance, crucial wickets fell at pivotal moments. Roston Chase, the West Indies captain, was dismissed for a duck, caught and bowled by Jadeja. Athanaze, after a patient 41 with five boundaries and a

six, was trapped by Kuldeep Yadav's flighted delivery. Chanderpaul's resistance ended in the 27th over when KL Rahul held a difficult catch off Jadeja, leaving the visitors precariously placed at 87 for 2 at drinks.

Shai Hope steadied the innings with crisp drives and deft timing, reaching 31 by stumps. Tevin Imlach played some neat strokes, including a classical sweep for four off Washington Sundar and a sharply timed cut off Jadeja. Yet India's bowlers, disciplined and precise, along with intelligent field placements, ensured the Windies could never fully settle.

By the close, India's imposing total and sustained pressure left the visitors staring at a massive first-innings deficit.

Parthsarathi, Tavish clinch U16 titles at Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship



New Delhi, (UNI)

Top seed Parthsarathi Mundhe and eighth seed Tavish Pahwa emerged as champions in the U-16 categories of the Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship 2025 at the DLTA Complex here today.

In the Girls' U-16 Singles final, Parthsarathi was made to fight hard before defeating Shreeniti Chowdhury 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 in an intense three-setter. She raced through the opening set without conceding a game, but Shreeniti responded impressively in the second to level the match.

In the decider, the top seed showed nerves of steel after trailing 2-4, winning the next four straight games to seal the title in one hour and 57 minutes.

Meanwhile, in the Boys' U-16 Singles final, Tavish Pahwa produced a composed performance to beat Mannan Ashok Agarwal 6-2, 6-3 in straight sets.

Tavish dictated the rallies with consistent baseline play and crucial service breaks in both sets. Mannan fought back in the second, but Tavish's steady shot selection and mental strength saw him

through to clinch the title in straight sets.

Supported by DCM Shriram Ltd., and held under the aegis of the All India Tennis Association (AITA) and the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA), the Fenesta Open continues to serve as a vital platform for India's most promising junior tennis talents.

Jensi Kanabar stunned top seed Padma Priya Rameshkumar 6-2, 6-2 to lift the Girls' U-14 Singles title. The second seed played brilliantly from the start, breaking Padma's serve thrice in each set and maintaining her composure throughout to get a victory.

In the Boys' U-14 Singles final, Harsh Marwaha produced another upset, defeating fifth seed Aarav Mulay by 6-2, 6-2 in straight sets. Harsh broke Aarav's serve two times in the first set and again twice in the second, showing strong return games and superior court control.

Earlier, Tavish and Prakaash Saran defeated Mannan Ashok Agarwal and Om Ramesh Patel (Seed 3) 1-6, 7-5, 10-6 in a thrilling Boys' U-16 Doubles final.



Germany cruises past Luxembourg to seize control of World Cup qualifying group

Berlin, (UNI) : Germany delivered a commanding display to sweep aside Luxembourg 4-0 and move to the top of their World Cup qualifying group.

Julian Nagelsmann's side showed clear intent from the opening whistle, dictating the tempo and pushing high up the pitch on Friday.

Within minutes, Bayern Munich's Joshua Kimmich tested goalkeeper Anthony Moris with a curling effort, while Serge Gnabry's early strike was ruled out for handball in the build-up.

The breakthrough came soon after when RB Leipzig's David Raum curled a stunning free kick into the bottom corner for his first international goal.

The visitors' task grew even harder moments later. Defender Dirk Carlson was sent off for handling in the box, and Kimmich coolly converted the resulting penalty to double Germany's advantage midway through the first half.

The home side continued to pile forward, with Karim Adeyemi and Nick Woltemade both missing chances to extend the lead before halftime as Luxembourg dropped deeper to limit the damage. Germany's dominance carried over after the restart.

Gnabry struck just three minutes into the second half, unleashing a fierce drive after being set up by Adeyemi. Seconds later, Kimmich was on hand again, reacting quickest to a loose ball from a corner to make it 4-0 and secure his brace.

Florian Wirtz came close to adding a fifth when his curling free kick rattled the post, while substitute Jonathan Burkardt twice threatened late on but couldn't find the net.

With two wins from two, they now lead Group A on goal difference ahead of Northern Ireland and Slovakia, who are level on points.

Medvedev into Shanghai Masters semifinals



Shanghai, (UNI)

Daniil Medvedev defeated seventh seed Alex de Minaur of Australia 6-4, 6-4 to reach the semifinals of the Shanghai Masters.

The 2019 Shanghai Masters champion sealed victory on Friday with an ace and has now advanced to his 61st career ATP Tour semifinal.

"I was super tired, and I knew that against Alex, like against Learner, we would have long points," said

Medvedev, who had battled nearly three hours against Learner Tien in the previous round.

"I think in the third or fourth game we had a couple of long rallies, and I thought it was going to be a long day, but I'm happy with the way I played."

"I was really clutch in the important moments, hitting the ball great, and putting him under pressure. The second set was tight, but I found my best at the end. I'm really happy with the level," he added.

Meanwhile, France's Arthur Rinderknech defeated Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-3, 6-4 to reach his first Shanghai Masters semifinal. Rinderknech, born in 1995, has been one of the surprises of this year's tournament, with his career-high ATP ranking previously peaking at No. 42.

World's first professional archery league marks a milestone with season 1 celebration in Delhi

New Delhi, (UNI)

The Archery Premier League (APL), the world's first-ever professional archery league, celebrated the immense success of its debut season with a press conference and gathering at the Yamuna Sports Complex, here.

The event brought together league stakeholders, star archers, and dignitaries to acknowledge its unprecedented impact in elevating Indian archery's global profile.

The event witnessed the participation of international and Indian archery greats including 2024 Olympic recurve world participant Katherine Bauer, Brady Ellison (Olympian and one of America's most decorated recurve archers), Ella Gib-



son (World No. 1, Britain), Mathias Fullerton (World No. 2, Denmark), India's decorated archers Deepika Kumari, Dhiraj Bommadevara (Olympic 2024 recurve participant), compound

world champion Jyothi Vennam, Asian Games medallist Abhishek Verma, and rising Indian star Chikitha Taniparthi together presenting a powerful blend of global and home-

grown talent.

The evening was also graced by notable personalities, including actor and APL flagbearer Ram Charan, Dr Joris Treasurer, Archery Association of India, Arjun Munda, President of the Archery Association of India (AAI), Anil Kamineni, Chairman of Archery Premier League and Virender Sachdeva, Secretary General Archery Association of India, alongside top Indian and international archers.

Global Star and APL brand ambassador Ram Charan shared, "APL is a vision turning into reality. We're all going to miss this energy once it's over tomorrow. It's truly special to see this incredible collaboration that unites Olympians and world-class archers on one platform."

BUSINESS

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Launches the 2025 Fortuner Leader Edition

Bangalore: Building on the success of the 2024 LEADER EDITION, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) is set to make an even bolder impression with the launch of 2025 Fortuner LEADER EDITION. With refreshed styling and premium enhancements, this latest edition further amplifies the Fortuner's commanding road presence, offering customers a sportier and more dynamic appeal.



The New Fortuner LEADER EDITION has been carefully designed to meet the aspirations of SUV enthusiasts who seek unmatched performance combined with contemporary styling. Staying true to Fortuner's legacy, LEADER EDITION continues to deliver excellent performance, reliable off-road capability,

and exceptional ride comfort powered by 2.8L diesel engine. The 2025 Fortuner LEADER EDITION is available in 4x2 Automatic and Manual Transmission variants in Attitude black, Super White, Pearl White, and Silver colour options.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Varinder Wadhwa, Vice President,

Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "At Toyota, our customers' evolving lifestyle preferences inspire us to continually refresh and enhance our offerings. We are grateful for the strong acceptance and overwhelming response to the 2024 Fortuner Leader Edition, which has further strengthened the SUV's legacy as an icon on Indian roads.

Encouraged by this trust, we are delighted to introduce the 2025 Fortuner LEADER EDITION, an offering for those seeking a sportier, more dynamic SUV. We are confident that this refreshed edition will further delight our customers and reinforce Fortuner's position as the benchmark in the premium SUV segment."

IAC urges TN to ease ALPG auto registrations for cleaner urban mobility

Chennai, (UNI): Indian Auto LPG Coalition (IAC), today said it has submitted an appeal to the Tamil Nadu government to reform to accelerate the adoption of cleaner fuels in urban mobility. The IAC, which counts oil sector PSUs, private LPG marketers, kit suppliers and equipment manufacturers among its members, plays a crucial role in shaping fuel policy in India. The IAC points out that Auto Liquefied Petroleum Gas (ALPG) stands out as one of the cleanest automotive fuels, delivering significantly lower emissions of particulates, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons than conventional fuels. ALPG's advantages extend beyond just the environment - it is nearly 40 percent cheaper than petrol and provides better mileage, translating to real savings for auto drivers and commuters.

World University of Design Opens Applications for 2026 Admissions



New Delhi: World University of Design (WUD), India's first University dedicated to creative education has announced the opening of applications for its undergraduate and postgraduate programs for the academic year 2026. A pioneer in higher education, WUD offers an unparalleled spectrum of specialized programs across Architecture, Design, Fashion, Communication Design, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, and Management. With 15+ distinct pathways, the

university provides students with the opportunity to transform their passion into impactful careers, guided by global standards and industry relevance. The application process is easy & seamless, with online forms available on the university's official website. Admissions are anchored around the WUD Design Aptitude Test (WUDAT 2026), scheduled for January 4, 2026. Conducted entirely online, the three-hour examination can be taken from the comfort of one's home and assesses candidates on creative skills. Select programs accept CUET scores, and WUD recognizes UCEED and CEED results for B.Des and M.Des admissions (with institutional result-sharing arrangements in place with partner institutes).

Ather Energy announces Nationwide Ather Service Carnival for its customers



Bengaluru: Ather Energy Limited, India's leading electric two-wheeler manufacturer, has announced the Ather Service Carnival, a nationwide service initiative running from October 9th to 18th, 2025. The carnival offers exclusive benefits to Ather customers across the company's extensive service network, encouraging them to get their scooters ready for smooth, worry-free rides through the festive season.

The Ather Service Carnival brings together a curated set of offers. As part of this, customers can avail a free 15-point comprehensive vehicle health check-up, covering everything from brakes and tyres to suspension and electronics,

ensuring their Ather scooters remain in peak condition. In addition, Ather is offering 10% off on paid labour and brake pads, 15% off on painted body parts, and 20% off on polish services, making maintenance more accessible and rewarding this festive season. Ather has over 400 service centres across the country, as of 30th September 2025. For appointments and additional details, customers can reach out to their nearest Ather service centre.

With a strong focus on customer experience, Ather has consistently introduced initiatives to make scooter ownership more effortless. These include Ather Care service plans, Ather ExpressCare, and Ather Service Carnival, which ensure transparent ownership and quicker service experiences. Additionally, Ather launched Gold Service Centres, which are premium facilities that provide faster, more efficient service while ensuring the highest level of customer satisfaction, all at no extra cost to owners. Ather Energy is also expanding its retail network across the country.

"Strict Administration, Gentle Heart" -Ashok Rai

"Wherever you work, there must be loyalty, not disloyalty." — Ashok Rai
By Archit Jain | Bengaluru Special Archit Jain Podcast

The acclaimed "Archit Jain Podcast," broadcast from Bengaluru — The untold story of Dr. Ashok Rai, a tough yet sensitive personality in the education sector.

Bengaluru / Bhopal: Dr. Ashok Rai, Dean of the LNCT Group, openly discussed his life, discipline, and society's changing values on the "Archit Jain Podcast Bengaluru." The podcast, recorded in Bengaluru, is rapidly becoming a hot topic in the education world.



Dr Ashok Rai

Archit Jain

"Films and Web Series are now changing mindsets"

"Today's films and web series are influencing thoughts more than just entertaining. But not all con-

tent is worth learning from — young people should discern what is inspiring and what is creating confusion."

Rai Sir stated that he does not watch platforms like Netflix because he believes

that "real life is the greatest cinema." He appealed to the youth to "choose content for inspiration, not just for entertainment."

"Hindi Medium Students Need More Support"

"Many Hindi medium students lose heart and drop out in the first year. We must promote bilingual teaching." Rai Sir said that language should be a medium, not a barrier.

"Trust in Google Increased, Trust in Guru Decreased"

"Today's student is searching on their mobile even while sitting in the class. The trust that was once placed in the teacher has now shifted to the Google."