

Rain has final say as series ends 2-1 in India's favour

Brisbane (UNI)
And the rain has won. The fifth and final T20I between India and Australia at The Gabba was abandoned without a result after a heavy downpour and lightning made any further play impossible. With the washout, India clinched the series 2-1, maintaining their unbeaten record in T20I series on Australian soil. It was always going to be tough once the rain arrived in Brisbane, and this time, the weather left no room for recovery. The decider, set up beautifully after India's come-back wins in the previous two matches, ended in disappointment for the spectators and players alike — marking the second no result of the series. Before rain intervened, India were off to a flying start after being sent in to bat. Openers Shubman Gill and Abhishek Sharma put on an unbroken stand of 52 runs in just 4.5 overs. Gill was unbeaten on



29 off 16 balls, striking six boundaries, while Abhishek played aggressively for his 23 off 13 balls, including one four and one six.

Australia's pacers struggled to find their rhythm in the brief passage of play. Ben Dwarshuis leaked 27 runs in his two overs, while Nathan Ellis and Xavier Bartlett also came under attack from the Indian openers. Once the drizzle turned into a downpour accompanied by lightning, umpires Rod Tucker and Shawn Craig had no choice but to call off the match. Phillip Gillespie served as the third umpire, with Jeff Crowe as the match referee. Earlier, Australian captain Mitchell Marsh had won the toss and elected to bowl first under cloudy skies, hoping to exploit early movement. However, India's top order countered the conditions with intent before the rain took over. With the series ending 2-1, India will return home having extended their streak of not losing a T20I series in Australia — a record that remains unbroken.

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Sabalenka, Rybakina set up final clash at WTA Finals



Riyadh, (UNI)
Top seed Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus battled past American Amanda Anisimova in three sets, setting up a final clash with Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina at the 2025 WTA Finals. Sabalenka and Anisimova had met 10 times before, with the latter leading their head-to-head 6-4. Their most recent encounter came in this year's US Open final, where Sabalenka won in straight sets. The match began in tense fashion on Friday, with both players enduring several deuces before holding their opening service games. Sabalenka earned the first break in the fifth game. Trailing 5-3, Anisimova committed two double faults, allowing Sabalenka to break again and take the first set 6-3. In the second set, Anisimova regrouped quickly, breaking Sabalenka's serve twice early to race

toa 4-0 lead. Although the Belarusian broke back when the American was serving for the set, Anisimova immediately responded with another break to win the second set 6-3. In the deciding set, both players held serve through the first six games. Sabalenka had a crucial break in the seventh game, then saved a break point in the eighth. Leading 5-3, she broke again to secure a 6-3 victory. "Honestly, I wouldn't care if I would've lost this match, because I think we played an incredible match and both of us deserve this place in the Finals," Sabalenka said afterward. "That was an incredible fight and I'm super happy to get the win." Also on Friday, Rybakina fired 15 aces to rally past American Jessica Pegula 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, extending her winning streak to 10 matches and reaching the tournament's final for the first time.



Afghanistan to host West Indies ahead of T20 World Cup 2026

Kabul, (UNI) : The Afghanistan Cricket Board has confirmed that they will host the West Indies for a three-match T20I series in the United Arab Emirates between January 19 and 22 next year, as both teams continue their build-up to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, scheduled to take place. The three fixtures will be played on January 19, 21 and 22 in the UAE. The series is set to provide crucial practice for both sides for the tournament in India and Sri Lanka. According to International Cricket Council (ICC), both sides had sealed automatic qualification among the 20 teams at the showpiece event among the top seven teams from the previous edition of the competition in 2024. While the West Indies will arrive to the tournament as the only team to have won it twice (2012 and 2016) alongside India, Afghanistan had claimed their first-ever top-four finish in 2024 as they reached the semi-finals. Following the series sweep against Bangladesh last month, the West Indies are currently in the midst of a five-match T20I series against New Zealand. They will also face South Africa soon after the series against Afghanistan in January. Meanwhile, Afghanistan's next T20I outing will see them feature in a three-match T20I series against Qatar, beginning Saturday, November 8. ACB CEO Naseeb Khan said the series presents an important opportunity for Afghanistan to fine-tune their preparations for the global event set to be hosted in February-March. "Competing against the West Indies on the brink of a global event presents an excellent opportunity for our team to finalise their lineup and enhance their preparations for the upcoming mega event in India and Sri Lanka," Khan said.

Dr Pankaj Shukla attends inaugural function of Karate Games

Haryana Olympic State Games
Sonipat: The Haryana Olympic Association inaugurated the Karate Games under the 27th Haryana State Games at Kharkhoda, Sonipat, with a grand ceremony. The three-day event will witness the participation of over 300 athletes, including 168 boys and 136 girls, representing different districts of Haryana. The event was graced by distinguished guests — Haryana BJP President Mohan Lal Badoli ji, Haryana Karate Association President & MLA Pawan Kharkhoda ji,



KAI President Baikunth Singh ji, KAI Secretary Yogesh Kalra, CEO of Gramya Mitin Goyal, and officials from the Haryana Olympic Association. Dr. Pankaj Shukla, Vice President KAI & Chairman, Southwest Karate Association and Chairman & CMD Gramya attended the function as a Special Guest and appreciated the commitment and discipline of young athletes. Dr. Shukla stated: "It is heartening to see Haryana's youth showcasing such strength, focus, and determination."

Mexico calls up new faces for soccer friendlies

Mexico, (UNI)
Uncapped forwards Jorge Ruvalcaba and Armando Gonzalez have been included in Mexico's squad for friendlies against Uruguay and Paraguay, the Mexican Football Federation said. Gonzalez, 22, has scored 11 goals in 16 games for Guadalajara in the current Liga MX season, while 24-year-old Ruvalcaba has netted four times and provided three assists for Pumas UNAM this campaign. Manager Javier Aguirre left out Julian Quinones, Santiago Gimenez, Henry Martin and Alexis Vega due to injury. Mexico will host Uruguay in Torreon on November 15 before traveling to San Antonio, Texas, to face Paraguay three days later. Aguirre has said he will use the



matches to fine-tune preparations for next year's FIFA World Cup, which Mexico will co-host along-

side the United States and Canada. Mexico squad: Goalkeepers: Luis Malagon (America), Jose Rangel

(Guadalajara), Carlos Acevedo (Santos Laguna) Defenders: Kevin Alvarez (America), Israel Reyes (America), Cesar Montes (Lokomotiv), Johan Vazquez (Genoa), Jesus Orozco (Cruz Azul), Jesus Gallardo (Toluca), Mateo Chavez (AZ Alkmaar) Midfielders: Edson Alvarez (Fenerbahce), Erik Lira (Cruz Azul), Fidel Ambriz (Monterrey), Gilberto Mora (Tijuana), Erick Sanchez (America), Orbelin Pineda (AEK), Obed Vargas (Seattle Sounders), Marcel Ruiz (Toluca) Forwards: Alexis Gutierrez (Cruz Azul), Roberto Alvarado (Guadalajara), Diego Lainez (Tigres UANL), Raul Jimenez (Fulham), German Berterame (Monterrey), Armando Gonzalez (Guadalajara), Jorge Ruvalcaba (Pumas UNAM), Hirving Lozano (San Diego).

BUSINESS

Republic of Ghana invites state-owned Singareni to invest in its mining sector

Hyderabad, (UNI)
The Republic of Ghana, renowned globally for its rich reserves of diamonds, gold, bauxite, manganese and lithium, has extended an invitation to the Telangana state Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to invest in its mining sector. A high-level delegation from Ghana met Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) Chairman and Managing Director N. Balam at Singareni Bhavan here on Saturday to discuss potential business



collaborations. During the meeting, the Ghanaian delegation expressed that their country offers significant investment opportunities in

the mineral sector and welcomed Singareni, given its vast experience in mining operations. They highlighted that Ghana is a major producer and exporter of minerals such as diamonds, gold, bauxite, manganese, lithium etc. and is seeking investments to scale up production. They also mentioned that, the presence of coal mining in Ghana and sought Singareni's cooperation in that area as well. Responding to the proposal, Balam stated that Singareni has already initiated efforts to expand its operations internationally and explore opportunities in critical minerals.

Blenders Pride Fashion Tour Sets Fashion's Next Move

Blenders Pride Fashion Tour, India's most definitive voice in fashion, returns in 2025 with yet another spectacular edition where fashion, creativity and culture converge, and create 'The One and Only' stage that will set the tone for what's next in fashion. In a world where trends are often fleeting, the Fashion Tour takes it boldest stride yet and reimagines what it means to lead fashion forward and define 'Fashion's Next Move'. This isn't just a theme - it's a declaration, a definitive statement that fashion's next chapter doesn't begin on just any runway; it begins on the stages of Blenders Pride Fashion Tour. Joining forces once again with Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), the Fashion Tour brings together the India's leading designers and celebrated style icons to present experiences that breakthrough the realms of fashion, like never before. The tour will set the course in Gurugram with 'The Futureverse of Fashion' featuring designers Falguni and Shane Peacock, with Shahid Kapoor and Tamannaah Bhatia, unlocking the future of fashion experi-



ences. It'll redefine what a runway can be - an immersive, visual spectacle blurring lines between technology and couture, transforming the dimensions in which fashion is experienced. The tour then will shift gears to Jaipur with 'High Octane Couture' where designers Abhishek Patni and Namrata Joshipurawillbring speed, power, and precision from the world of motorsports to the fashion runway, defining a new language of global style. Featuring the panache of Harnaaz Sandhu, Miss Universe (2021), and the unmistakable energy of rapper Raftaar, this chapter promises fashion at full throttle - exhilarating, fearless, and impossibly glamorous. The finale in Kolkata will witness 'Breaking the moulds of Fashion Craft' with the return of iconic designer Anamika Khanna, joined by Ishaan Khatter. This chapter will shine the spotlight on the sublime power of craftsmanship and bridge a connection where it meets contemporary vision, giving audiences not just fashion to admire, but craft to revere.

Marwadi University Makes a Remarkable Debut in QS Asia University Rankings 2026

Marwadi University, one of Gujarat's leading private institutions, has made a historic debut in the QS Asia University Rankings 2026, securing an impressive 353rd rank in its very first appearance. This milestone places Marwadi University among India's top private universities in the QS Rankings, marking the highest debut rank ever secured by any Indian university. With this milestone, Marwadi University in Gujarat is now officially Gujarat's No. 1 Private University and one of the best private universities in India in the QS Ranking



2026. Recognized in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2026, the university is also Asia's youngest private university to debut at Rank 353 - a proud recognition of its academic and global excellence. The QS Asia University Rankings, published annually by QS Quacquarelli Symonds, highlight the

best universities across Asia. These rankings evaluate institutions based on parameters such as academic and employer reputation, research performance, faculty-to-student ratio, and international diversity - capturing the distinct strengths and priorities of higher education in the region. Marwadi University al-

so achieved a Top 100 position in Asia for Internationalization and Faculty Quality, a testament to its strong global partnerships, diverse student community, and commitment to academic excellence. Representing Gujarat, Marwadi University's QS Asia Ranking 2026 now places it among Asia's most reputed universities, alongside institutions such as IIT Gandhinagar (Rank 300), Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad University (Rank 851-900), PDEU (Rank 851-900), Parul University (Rank 1001-1100), and MS University (Rank 1100-1200).

