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Rs. 5,000 crore for joint Karimnagar irrigation projects



Hyderabad, August 08: The state government has decided to take steps without any shortage of funds for the ongoing irrigation projects in Karimnagar, Jagtiala, Peddapalli and

Rajanna Sircilla districts, and as part of this, Rs 5,000 crore will be provided for land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement compensation (R&R), said State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy. A review meeting was held on the irrigation projects in Karimnagar, Jagtiala, Peddapalli and Rajanna Sircilla districts under the chairmanship of Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy at the State Secretariat on Saturday. Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao, Duddilla Sri Dharbabu, Ponnamm

stopped under any circumstances due to shortage of funds. He said that the government is giving top priority to completing pending projects. He advised the officials to immediately send proposals for the necessary funds. He said that Rs. 2 thousand crores have already been released, while the process of releasing another Rs. 3 thousand crores is ongoing. He ordered that the land acquisition process should be continued in parallel with the engineering works. He advised that steps should be taken without de-

lay in matters like land acquisition, tenders, forest and environmental clearances. The Minister clarified that the relief and rehabilitation process should be completed expeditiously for those displaced due to projects. He instructed the concerned district collectors to resolve the land acquisition and rehabilitation issues on a war footing. He advised the officials to immediately send the necessary proposals to the concerned departments without any delay in the matter of forest and environmental clearances.

Is suppressing protests the solution

August 08: If the people's problems are genuine and the leadership is credible, the movement has a chance to grow stronger. That is why dialogue, consultation and transparency are essential in a democracy. The responsibility of the opposition is also not small here. Public problems should be addressed not in terms of political gains and losses, but towards solutions. Turning protests into a mere platform for anti-government propaganda is also not good for democracy. Similarly, portraying every criticism by the government as treason or a foreign conspiracy is also harmful to democratic culture. Every movement from Iram Sharmila to Sonam Wangchuk is giving the same message. Protest is the most powerful weapon of popular mobilization in a democracy. Peaceful agitation is the constitutional way for people to express their dissatisfaction, pain and demands to the government even after voting. However, if we look at the political history of India, we see the same trend, no matter which government is in power. That is, rather than listening to the protests, they weaken them with time. The establish-



ment believes that eventually the movement will tire, the people will disperse and the leadership will weaken. This issue has recently been discussed again in the wake of the hunger strike undertaken by Sonam Wangchuk and the student movements led by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP). The history of Indian democracy has not seen much change in the attitude of governments in the face of protests. Regardless of which party is in power, there has been a tendency to deal with public concerns through legal action and administrative restrictions rather than coming forward to address them immediately. Even though Iram Sharmila from Manipur went on a hunger strike for sixteen years to repeal the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), the

government did not immediately take a positive decision on her demands. It tried to control the movement with measures such as arrests and force-feeding. Today, similar questions are being raised about the government's response to the movement launched by Ladakh-based social activist Sonam Wangchuk. Is it the government's responsibility to suppress dissent in a democracy? Or is it to engage with the people, understand the essence of their concerns, and find solutions? The fundamental question has once again become the focus of national debate. These developments are a reminder that a democratic system is strengthened not by the use of force, but by mutual trust, dialogue, and constitutional negotiations.

Hyderabad: Old City Bonalu celebrations set to begin amid tight security

Hyderabad: 08 august; The stage is set for the grand Old City Bonalu celebrations on Sunday, with elaborate arrangements made by temple committees and the police amid tight security. A large number of VIPs, including politicians, sports personalities, bureaucrats and film personalities, are expected

to visit various temples and the lanes and bylanes of the Old City, particularly Lal Darwaza, Sultan Shahi, Hari Bowli, Bela and Uppuguda, have taken on a festive look, with temples and streets illuminated with colourful lights and decorations. Large crowds of devotees are expected at the Sri Simhavahini Mahankali

Temple in Lal Darwaza, Sri Akkanna Madanna Mahankali Temple in Hari Bowli and Sri Mahankali Temple in Uppuguda. Temple committees, in coordination with the police, have made arrangements for orderly queues to facilitate hassle-free darshan. Separate queues have also been arranged for women carrying Bonam.



KTR invited to Bathukamma celebrations at Dubai's Al Ahli Sports Club on October 11

Hyderabad: 08 AUGUST: The Emirates Telangana Cultural and Welfare Association (ETCA-UAE) has invited BRS working president KT Rama Rao to attend the Bathukamma celebrations in the United Arab Emirates as the chief guest. The celebrations will be held at the Al Ahli Sports Club in Dubai on October 11, 2026. Hyderabad local news ETCA representatives met Rama Rao at his residence in Nandi Nagar here on Friday and handed over the invitation. He also unveiled the poster for the celebrations. The representatives informed him that ETCA has been organising Bathukamma celebrations



in the UAE on a grand scale for the past 16 years. Various cultural programmes are also organised every year to showcase Telangana's culture and traditions. During the meeting, Rama Rao enquired about the conditions of Telangana workers in the Gulf, employment opportunities and the challenges

they face. He also sought details about the living conditions and welfare of Telangana workers who have migrated to Gulf countries. Rama Rao commended ETCA representatives for preserving Telangana's culture and traditions while living in the Gulf and praised the efforts of diaspora associations in

showcasing the State's heritage to the world. He also appreciated ETCA for extending support to Gulf workers during difficult times and helping Telangana natives facing hardships. He assured the representatives that he would extend all possible support in addressing the issues faced by Telangana workers in the Gulf. The ETCA representatives recalled Rama Rao's efforts in resolving the problems of several Telangana natives stranded in Gulf countries for various reasons and facilitating their return home. They thanked him for his support in addressing the concerns of people from Telangana.

This is the true color of Congress' 'Mohabbat Ki Duayan': T. BJP Chief

Hyderabad, August 08: BJP Telangana state president N. Ramachandra Rao said that the police lathi-charge on unemployed youth who came for jobs at the Saroornagar Indoor Stadium is deeply painful. He said that we strongly condemn the oppressive attitude of the Congress government in the state. He criticized that Rahul Gandhi is boasting about 'Mohabbat ki Duayal' in Delhi, but in Telangana, he is lathi-charge on youth seeking employment. Ramachandra Rao said that thousands of youth flocking to HYDRABAD for just 150

vacancies is a testament to the severity of unemployment in the state and the failure of the Congress government. He reminded that the Congress had promised to provide a job calendar, unemployment allowance of Rs. 4,000 per month and interest-free loans of Rs. 10 lakh for self-employment if it comes to power. However, he lamented that even after two years, not a single promise has been fulfilled. Ramachandra Rao expressed his anger that it is unfair to throw the youth who voted believing in the promises on the roads and to use the police to atroci-



ties on those who came with at least hope. He alleged that the Congress government has pushed the future of the same youth who came to power on the aspirations of the youth.

Ramachandra Rao demanded that the Congress government should answer the people of the state and the youth for the police's experiment on candidates who came for jobs.

TN CM Vijay's delimitation meet boycotted by DMK, AIADMK



Chennai: Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Saturday chaired a meeting of Tamil Nadu MPs on the Centre's proposed delimitation and it was boycotted by the DMK and the AIADMK which dubbed the deliberations a "farce" and a "drama". Vijay led the dis-

cussions on the proposal of the Centre to carry out delimitation and its likely impact on the state. MPs belonging to ruling TVK's alliance parties, the Congress, VCK, MDMK and IUML, and friendly parties, the CPI and CPI(M), took part in the meeting. In total,

19 MPs participated. South Asians & Diaspora Eleven Congress MPs, two MPs each from CPI, CPI(M) and the VCK; one MP each from the DMK and IUML took part. DMK's alliance parties, MNM and DMDK, which have one RS MP each, did not take part. AIADMK, which has four MPs in the Upper House and its ally the PMK, which has one MP, also in the RS, did not participate. The DMK has 22 Lok Sabha and 8 Rajya Sabha MPs. Congress veteran leader P. Chidambaram, VCK chief Thol Thirumavalavan were among the participants. Marxist party's Su. Venkatesan, MDMK's Durai Vaiko, the Congress party's Jothamani were among others who participated. Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary M. Sai Kumar had sent separate invitations to the MPs on August 6 and

7, government sources said. The meeting was held at Kalaivanar Arangam, a government-owned auditorium here near the Secretariat. Senior DMK leader A. Raja told reporters at Perambalur that it was "a farce, a laughable exercise" since the TVK regime was deliberating about something that it was not aware of. "Is it fair?", he asked. The AIADMK dubbed the meeting a "hurriedly staged drama," as no new delimitation bill has been introduced in Parliament and also because there is no official announcement regarding it. Against this background, the AIADMK asked, "Why is the chief minister hurriedly staging a drama in the name of an MP's meeting? After ignoring the demand of all the opposition parties to hold an all-party meeting."

Sukhbir Badal meets Modi, speculation over SAD-BJP alliance grows

Chandigarh: 08, August; As Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President, Sukhbir Singh Badal met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, political reactions emerged across Punjab on Saturday, with the Congress alleging that the BJP has a history of weakening regional political parties, while BJP leaders dismissed speculation surrounding any possible political arrangement. Speaking to IANS, Congress MLA Sukhwinder Singh Kotli said, "The BJP is a party that is working to weaken and destroy other political parties. You have seen how it has come to power across the country. The examples of Nitish Kumar and Dushyant Chautala are right before us. There are many such examples from across the country, including Maharashtra and other states. I want to say that we need to remain cautious of



them. We should focus on Punjab and the interests of the people of Punjab." Referring to the meeting between Sukhbir Badal and the Prime Minister, Kotli alleged that attempts were being made to mislead the people of Punjab through such political developments. Punjab Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal also reacted to the meeting, saying, "We do not know what transpired during the meeting. Only they know whether anything will happen or not. It will not make any difference. Ultimately, people will judge political parties based on their work. They will not look at compromises, parties, or individuals. They will look at

performance." Punjab BJP President Kewal Singh Dhillon downplayed speculation over any possible alliance, saying, "The Prime Minister is for everyone. He is the Prime Minister of the entire country and can meet any senior leader. Sukhbir Singh Badal has served as Deputy Chief Minister of Punjab, and I am happy that he must have discussed issues concerning Punjab. As far as the Punjab BJP is concerned, we have already stated that we will contest all 117 Assembly seats on our own. There is nothing happening from our side." Meanwhile, Sukhbir Singh Badal met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Parliament House in New Delhi on Friday afternoon, fuelling fresh speculation about a possible revival of the SAD-BJP alliance ahead of the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections. History While Badal's office did not disclose the agenda

of the meeting, sources within the SAD said discussions focussed on issues related to Punjab, including the law-and-order situation in the state and alleged irregularities in welfare schemes under the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government. The meeting came just days after Badal held discussions with Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, who has recently emerged as one of the BJP's prominent campaign faces in Punjab. The development is politically significant because both the SAD and the BJP have repeatedly maintained that they intend to contest the next Punjab Assembly elections independently. The two parties, once long-standing allies in the state, ended their alliance in September 2020 when the Akali Dal withdrew from the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) over the now-repealed farm laws.

EDITORIAL

Commonwealth Success,
Bigger Tests Ahead

India finishing fourth in the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, with 13 gold, 17 silver, and 9 bronze medals, is a matter of great pride. Compared to the Birmingham Commonwealth Games held four years ago, India's overall medal tally has declined. While India won 61 medals then, it secured 39 medals this time. However, this should not diminish the achievements of Indian athletes. It is important to remember that while 21 sports were contested in the previous edition, this year's Games featured competitions in only 10 disciplines as part of cost-cutting measures. Sports such as hockey, badminton, wrestling, table tennis, and shooting, which traditionally contribute a large share of India's medals, were not included this time. Despite these limitations, retaining the fourth position is a remarkable achievement. The performance of Indian boxers deserves special appreciation. They won 10 medals, including seven gold medals, showcasing exceptional talent. India also secured two gold medals in judo, while athletes delivered consistent performances in athletics. Indian sporting excellence, which was once largely confined to disciplines such as weightlifting and wrestling, has now expanded across a wider range of sports. Indian women, who previously excelled mainly in athletics and weightlifting, also won medals in boxing and judo this time. India's para-athletes once again demonstrated extraordinary determination by overcoming physical challenges and bringing glory to the national flag. The country won seven medals in para sports, including three gold, two silver, and two bronze medals, with women contributing two medals.

These achievements clearly show that greater investment, scientific training, and modern sports infrastructure for para-athletes can enable India to perform even better at international competitions. However, there is no need for excessive celebration over the Commonwealth Games. These Games are not the ultimate measure of global sporting excellence. They are limited competitions among Commonwealth nations, and sporting powerhouses such as the United States, China, Japan, France, and Germany do not participate. Winning medals at the Commonwealth Games is undoubtedly a significant achievement, but assuming that it establishes India's dominance in world sports would be unrealistic. India's true stature will be measured by its performances at the Olympic Games and World Championships. In that context, although not as prestigious as the Olympics, the upcoming Asian Games in Japan will serve as an important benchmark.

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Karikaala 1st Look: Sundeeep Kishan’s Fierce Warrior Avatar



Sundeeep Kishan’s pan-India project with director Ugandhar Muni has been titled Karikaala, and the makers have accompanied the announcement with a remarkable first-look poster that showcases the film’s massive ambitions. Unlike anything seen in Sundeeep Kishan’s career so far, the actor is introduced as a fierce warrior in an enchanting fantasy landscape.

Mounted on horseback with a sword in hand and accompanied by a roaring lion, his commanding presence immediately establishes the film’s epic scale and adventurous tone. Set against the backdrop of an imaginative world inspired by classic Chandamama fairy tales, Karikaala promises a magical journey filled with mythical creatures, powerful

kingdoms, ancient legends, wolves, lions, and supernatural elements. For Sundeeep Kishan, Karikaala represents an entirely new creative direction. His never-before-seen makeover, distinctive costume, and intense warrior persona underline the scale of preparation that has gone into bringing this unique character to life. Produced by Mahidhar Reddy

and Rajashekhar Annabhimoju under Shining Pictures, the film reunites director Ugandhar Muni with large-scale fantasy storytelling after the success of Shambhala. Sricharan Pakala scores the music. The movie has been designed as a two-part saga. Chapter 1 is scheduled for release on July 2, 2027, while Chapter 2 will follow just a few months later on October 28, 2027.

Kareena In Talks For Dhanush-Bhansali’s Jungle Adventure?

Kareena Kapoor has reduced the number of films that she is doing in recent times. But as per the latest update, she may soon be seen in Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s upcoming mythological jungle adventure starring Dhanush. The makers are reportedly in discussions with the star as of now, and a decision will be made very soon. The film has already generated significant buzz ever since reports emerged about the collaboration between Dhanush and Bhansali Productions. The project will be directed by Tamil filmmaker P.S. Mithran, known for films such as Irumbu Thirai, Hero, and Sardar. This will mark Mithran’s Bollywood debut and his first collaboration with Dhanush.

The yet-untitled film is said to be a large-scale mythological drama set against a jungle backdrop. Reports suggest that



the script underwent multiple rewrites before being finalized by Bhansali. If Kareena comes on board, it will add even more

star power to the project, which is expected to go on the floors in early 2027. As of now, Sanjay Bhansali has kick-started the

last schedule of his crazy project Love and War featuring Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, and Vicky Kaushal.

SRK Cameos in South Films: Rumours or Pre Planned?

Rumours about Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan making cameo appearances in south films have once again become a topic of discussion on social media. However, many of these claims have not been backed by any credible information. Earlier, similar reports claimed that Shah Rukh Khan would make a special appearance in Jailer 2. But the rumoured cameo did not happen, raising questions about the reliability of such reports.

Now, a fresh wave of rumours suggests that Shah Rukh Khan will appear in Allu Arjun and Arlene’s most ambitious film Raaka. Atlee had directed SRK’s Jawan, barring that there is no base to rumours of Shah Rukh doing guest role in RAAKA. However, it’s not clear whether he is past of RAAKA or not. Interestingly, every time such cameo rumours gain attention, discussions around Shah Rukh Khan’s upcoming film King also increase. This pattern has



caught the attention of many fans and industry observers. Some believe these are simply unfixed social media rumours, while others wonder if they are part of an effort to keep Bollywood Baadshah in public discussion ahead of King’s release. At present, there is no base to suggest that these rumours are part of any planned promotional strategy. Until an official announcement is made, the reports about Shah Rukh Khan’s cameo in Raaka should be treated as mere rumour.

Jacqueline Fernandez Serves Desi Diva Energy Again



Jacqueline Fernandez is making headlines with her latest music video “Jugni,” and the makers have now released stunning archival pictures from the shoot. The four looks showcase Jacqueline in bold, vibrant outfits, ranging from a colourful festive ensemble to a striking red bandhani-inspired look, and a sultry gold satin gown, each highlighting her glamorous range on screen. The song’s release, however, was overshadowed by controversy after a clip from the video went viral online, with claims of a wardrobe malfunction. Singer Sonu Thukral has since filed a police complaint, stating that the viral footage was manipulated and AI-generated, and was never part of the original video. Amid the buzz, the makers are steering the conversation back to the song itself, sharing the official pictures from the “Jugni Archives” to remind fans of the video’s actual content and Jacqueline’s striking looks throughout the project.

Bhagyashree Borse's Sultry Maroon Look Turns Heads

Bhagyashree Borse is having the best phase of her career right now. With her recent film Lenin turning out to be a massive blockbuster, the actress is clearly on cloud nine, and she has taken to social media to share a fresh set of pictures celebrating the moment. In the photos, Bhagyashree looks striking in a fitted maroon one-shoulder dress with a draped detail, her hair left loose and wavy, exuding quiet confidence. The pictures, shot against a minimal backdrop, put the spotlight entirely on her poise and styling. With subtle makeup and a soft, natural glow, Bhagyashree lets the elegant silhouette of the dress do the talking. With Lenin’s success adding serious momentum to her career, Bhagyashree Borse is fast becoming one of the most talked-about young actresses in the industry, and her latest pictures only prove she is here to stay.



SAI faces 554 coaching vacancies, says Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya



New Delhi: Over 500 vacant coaching positions in the Sports Authority of India (SAI), increased dope tests at the grassroots level and funds provided to football's beleaguered national body were among the diverse issues that Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya addressed in his responses to various Rajya Sabha queries. Despite the launch of a mega recruitment drive by SAI in January to hire more than 350 assistant coaches, 464 positions remain vacant, a number which is over 100 more than last year. In all, 554 positions are waiting to be filled, including 90 slots for head coaches at its facilities across the country. "The qualifications and competencies of coaches are assessed in accor-

dance with the prescribed recruitment and engagement norms," Mandaviya stated. The minister also revealed that in the last five years, Rs 8.5 crore has been allocated for training and upskilling programmes for coaches to "enhance their professional capabilities. Mandaviya's statement was in written response to a query from the Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge.

Measures to counter doping

In response to a query from BJP MP Kesrivedsinh Jhala on the anti-doping measures taken by the government, Mandaviya cited the NADA's dedicated intelligence and investigation mechanisms to collect, and assess information

relating to potential Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs), including trafficking, administration, possession and distribution of prohibited substances and methods. The minister said that the number of sample collection sessions at grassroots-level events, including school, university, state, and zonal-level events has also gone up. "A total of 20 sample collection sessions were conducted in 2025, and 55 sample collection sessions have been conducted in 2026 up to July 2026," he noted. In addition, the Sample Collection Personnel (SCP) workforce has also been strengthened through "regular recruitment, training, and re-accreditation programmes." "A total of 11 training programmes were con-

ducted in 2025, and four training programmes have been conducted in 2026 up to July 2026, to ensure the availability of qualified sample collection personnel across different regions of the country," he said. The government is also pushing for criminalisation of doping by proposing jail term and fines for entities indulging in trafficking and supply of prohibited substances in fresh amendments to the National Anti-Doping Act.

The football crisis

A couple of questions were posed on the state of Indian football as well. They focussed primarily on the central government's efforts to keep the sport afloat as it goes through a commercial crisis alongside lack of credible international performances. Mandaviya stated that the government has provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs 37.98 crore in the last five years. This year a total of Rs 3.91 crore has been provided to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) from a total allocation of Rs 8 crore. "At present 527 athletes of football discipline are being trained at various SAI centres across the country," read the minister's statement. "SAI, an autonomous body under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, regularly engages with the AIFF to review the performance and overall development of the sport and provides its advice accordingly," it added.

Gautam Gambhir tells Team India to be ready from day one ahead of Sri Lanka Test series



Colombo: India head coach Gautam Gambhir has urged the Shubman Gill-led Test squad to be mentally and physically prepared to tackle any challenge right from the opening day of the upcoming two-game series against Sri Lanka, starting in Galle on August 15. The Indian team began its practice session at Colombo's NCC ground morning, and are scheduled to play a three-day practice match at the same venue from August 7-9. Following this, the visitors will head to Galle for the series opener on August 15. The second and final Test is scheduled to be played at the historic Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) from August 23 to 27. "Guys, we know what's in front of us. We know what we are playing for. We can do the volume, we can push our limits, we can tick all

the boxes. Come 15th morning, whether we are batting first, or whether we are bowling first, we're absolutely ready with every answer, every question that's thrown at us and every answer we're ready to give. So make sure we tick all the boxes from now on," said Gambhir in a video shared by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on their official social media handles on Thursday. India's current standing in the World Test Championship (WTC) is at fifth with a points percentage (PCT) of 48.150, while Sri Lanka is at sixth spot with 41.67 PCT. Gambhir also took the opportunity to officially welcome newcomers, off-spin bowling all-rounder Saransh Jain and pacer Auqib Nabi to the Test setup, alongside the newly appointed field-

ing coach, Subhadeep Ghosh. "Guys, welcome everyone. We've got a couple of new guys in. To start with, Saransh, congratulations, you've worked extremely hard to be here. Make sure that you make your family and country proud whenever you get that opportunity. "Secondly, I want to congratulate Auqib, you had a phenomenal last season, and made J&K win the Ranji Trophy, which is a great achievement. Congratulations once again. Lastly, I want to welcome Joy as well. "He's worked with so many teams for so many years. I'm sure his passion, his commitment will carry this team forward and make sure that his energy levels will help everyone achieve the target, which we want to do," added Gambhir.

Argentina to observe National Football Teams Day every July 15 after 2026 World Cup triumph

Buenos Aires: Argentina has officially declared July 15 as 'National Football Teams Day', commemorating the national side's dramatic victory over England in the 2026 FIFA World Cup semi-final and extending the tribute to every national team representing the country. The decision was approved unanimously during the Executive Committee meeting of the Argentine Football Association held at its training centre in Ezeiza. The date marks Argentina's memorable 2-1 comeback victory over England in the 2026 FIFA World Cup semifinal. After falling behind to Anthony Gordon's second-half strike, Lionel Scaloni's side fought back through an 85th-minute equaliser from Enzo Fernandez before Lautaro Martinez scored the winner in stoppage time to book a place in the final. Explaining the decision, the AFA said, "The date was chosen to commemorate Argentina's historic victory over England in the 2026 World Cup semifinal. Lionel Scaloni's team was trailing England by a single goal, but with goals from Enzo



Fernandez and Lautaro Martinez, they turned the game around, sending the entire nation into a frenzy of celebration." The federation said the tribute was not limited to the senior men's team. "The recognition also extends to each and every one of the national teams, including youth, men's and women's, futsal, beach soccer and field football, who train every day at the Lionel

Andrés Messi training complex with the hope, joy and responsibility of representing Argentina," the statement added. The semifinal was one of the defining matches of the tournament and was followed by controversy after some Argentina players celebrated with chants and posters referencing the Falkland Islands, known in Argentina as the Malvinas. The celebrations drew criticism in England and

reignited debate over the long-standing sovereignty dispute between the two nations, although the result on the field remained one of Argentina's most celebrated World Cup victories. The newly established National Football Teams Day will now be observed annually to celebrate the achievements and commitment of all Argentine national teams across football disciplines.

Centuries by Wafi Kachchhi, Pratyush Kumar and Tanmay Agarwal highlight HCA league action



Hyderabad: Centuries by Wafi Kachchhi (105, 129b, 12x4, 1x6) for Union Bank of India, M. Pratyush Kumar (125, 152b, 16x4, 1x6) and Tanmay Agarwal 91/53, 122b, 15x4, 6x6) for Deccan Chronicle were some of the highlights of the HCA A-Division two-day league cricket championship were

The scores:

A-Division two-day league AOC 203 in 42.1 overs (Rinku Singh Rawat 31, Irfan Khan 63, Mohit Mann 33, Y. Harshith Sai 3/35) lost to Hyderabad Botting 207/6 in 24.2 overs (Pranav Suryadevara 83, G. Aryan Reddy 34, Sagar Chaurasia 33, D. Venkat Rao Shinde 3/22).

Balaaji 218 in 70.3 overs (Paras Raj 89, Vikash Gupta 46, Aniketh Reddy 4/24, Saqlain Arafat 3/55) vs Evergreen 35/1 in 10 overs.

SCRSA 232 in 63.1 overs (Shaik Sameer 38, A. Sai Ardrit Reddy 60 not out, T. Aniketh Reddy 3/50, Atul Vyas 3/52) vs Charminar 96/1 in 13 overs (Karan Yadav 66 batting).

Union Bank of India 315 in 84 overs (Wafi Kachchhi 105, Nithin Nayak 74, Nishanth Saranu 3/62) vs EMCC 2/2 in 2.3 overs.

Deccan Chronicle 508 all out in 89.2 overs (M. Pratyush Kumar 125, Tanmay Agarwal 153, Murugan Abhishek 62, Yashveer Goud 43, Nakka Ritesh 39 not out) vs Jai Hanuman.

Sporting XI 254/5 in 57 overs (A. Vignesh Reddy 31, Shaik Sohail 55 batting, A. Takshith Rao 84) vs Budding Star.

B-Division two-day league Elegant 149 in 27.2 overs (D. Jashwanth Mudiraj 37, K. Karthik 52, S. Vijaykanth Nayak 4/35, Shashank Verma 3/18) lost to Crown 150/6 in 34.2 overs (Rigved Allkonda 68).

Rohit XI 445 in 90 overs (Mirza Houzef Baig 106, G. Vivek Gagan 62, B. Sakshith Ram 75, Jatin Sharma 55, Ishan N. Reddy 44, K. Srikar 4/71) vs Marredpally.

MP Blues 336/5 in 66.5 overs (S.M. Tanuj 173 batting, J.

Swamy 64 batting) vs Sayi Satya.

Concorde 244 in 66.5 overs (Aravind Gona 65, P. Harshadeep 38, Arjun Sai Vasireddy 49, N.K. Aditya 5/50) vs Hyderabad Wanderers 67/2 in 25 overs.

Sportive 322 in 74.3 overs (Karan Kumar Pattanayak 108, M. Varun Tej 95, Nischal Reddy 5/78) vs Green Turf 48/1 in 12 overs.

Income Tax 387 in 76.2 overs (Md Faiz Sheikh 64, Habeeb Ahmed 103, Shazeb Khan 52, B. Sandeep 62, Shaurya Singh 4/62) vs Classic 19/1 in 5 overs.

Chetan Anand CA 351 all out in 84 overs (D. Bhuvan 45, P. Akshit 44, Ram Ruthvik Reddy 86, D. Dheeraj Pranav 100, Ujjwal Yadav 4/59) vs Khalsa 7/0 in 3 overs.

Mahbubnagar 281 in 66 overs (S. Varshith Reddy 40, E. Abhilash Goud 42, B. Sanjay 113, Mohd Adnanuddin 32, N.C. Arjun 3/52, Venkata Abhiram Sricharan 4/70) vs Cheerful Chums 21/3 in 17 overs.

Brijesh Sharma joins Jammu & Kashmir squad ahead of 2026/27 domestic season

New Delhi: Fast bowler Brijesh Sharma has joined the Jammu and Kashmir squad for the upcoming 2026/27 domestic season. Brijesh hails from Mada town in Udhampur district and came into the limelight after making his IPL debut for Rajasthan Royals earlier this year. Though Brijesh had registered as a Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) player for the Indian Premier League (IPL)

2026 auction, he's now all set to turn out for his home state Jammu and Kashmir, the current Ranji Trophy holders. "Yes, Brijesh Sharma has linked up with the Jammu & Kashmir team for the Ranji Trophy. He's with the team for the preparation camp and has been progressing well," said a well-placed source in the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

