



# leisure



## BEYONCE RETURNS TO STAGE AFTER FOUR YEARS

Singer Beyonce, after a hiatus of four years, made her return to the stage in Dubai. Fireworks exploded above the venue as the iconic artist opened the show singing Etta James' *At Last* into a gold microphone.

## JEREMY BROKE OVER 30 BONES IN SNOW PLOUGHING MISHAP

Actor Jeremy Renner spoke about his snow ploughing accident and revealed that he broke 30 bones. Taking to Instagram Saturday, Jeremy shared a picture as he lay in bed while his physiotherapist helped him exercise. The actor seemingly was at home as lush greenery was seen outside his room.



### FORTUNE FORECAST

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#### ARIES

You may be taut with stress at work. But it doesn't stop you from knocking down your opponents. You are considerate but cunning when you need to be. People should know you by now. Ganesh says just march on ahead.

#### TAURUS

The day is coloured in the shade of arguments and belligerence for most part of today, predicts Ganesh. You may spend the afternoon in lengthy business discussions with friends. Things will look up by evening as you might get some special treatment from your soul mate.

#### GEMINI

Today, resolving issues will be a tough task, but you will be able to accomplish it nonetheless. It may take time, but don't lose hope. Persistence and hard work will be rewarding. The grind will increase your understanding of the things happening around you. You will be able to understand those around you better.

#### CANCER

Today, in all likelihood, is going to be a challenging and complicated day for you, says Ganesh. You are likely to be a little short on confidence; either that, or you may be feeling a little subdued. You may not be as assertive as required on certain issues.

#### LEO

You may want to carry some aspirin with you today, suggests Ganesh. For, there are strong indications that you shall be up against a lot of stress and tension at work. This headache-inducing factor aside, you have the uncanny knack of beating your opponents at their own game.

#### VIRGO

Settling and resolving issues will be a long-drawn process today, says Ganesh. However, keep at it because the results will be well worth the efforts you put into it. You will feel more capable to look at things from others' perspective today. Loosen your grip on your wallet, as you may end up taking your sweetheart on a shopping spree.

#### LIBRA

Ganesh foresees that today you will chart out your future course of action, so that any steps you take from thereon leads only to success. Sudden and unexpected profits are also on the cards as on the professional front, increased reputation and rewards knock on your door.

#### SCORPIO

Today will consist of varying highs and lows at work and in confrontations, predicts Ganesh. At work, you may end up quarrelling with your peers. You will be reasonable in your views and still you will find yourself on the receiving side of the argument. Evening will compensate for the tough day as you kick back and relax in the company of loved ones.

#### SAGITTARIUS

Today is most likely to be a day of mixed fortunes for you, predicts Ganesh. At the workplace, you may have a hectic afternoon, burdened with more work than you can handle. In the evening, a loved one will understand your needs, and try to bring back cheer with a home-cooked meal for dinner.

#### CAPRICORN

Whether or not your business will prosper will depend on how decisive you are, says Ganesh. Besides, it's time to test the potential of subordinates you have appointed, and see if they can deliver their best. And if they meet your standards, you can expect quick returns by the end of the day.

#### AQUARIUS

You may not want to, but you have to pay the bills! Okay, so you can't even remember what you bought, and are cursing the loony credit cards. However, this may persuade you to be a bit more organised. There is no harm in taking ideas from others, suggests Ganesh.

#### PISCES

A turning point in romantic liaisons is likely today, says Ganesh. In love, as at the office, you will discover that there is no substitute for hard work. However, evening promises bountiful pleasure to make up for all the sweat and tears.

### NAT'L RELEASE OF DAMAN'S HINDI VERSION

## Babushaan: It's like a dream come true

**Bhubaneswar:** As the Odia movie has gone to the national-level with *Daman's* Hindi version releasing February, its lead actor Babushaan is on cloud nine.

It is like a dream come true for him, says the actor.

Asked what made him sign a movie like *Daman*, he responds, "I have worked in varied genres of movies such as family drama, action, love, and comedy. I wanted to do something different and found it (*Daman*) fit the bill. It has a unique subject which is based on a true incident and I would like to work in more such movies in future."

Doesn't he think that SRK's *Pathaan* will affect

**Daman's** viewership? Pat came his reply. "I don't think so as both the movies have separate groups of audience," said the Odia actor.

Babushaan, the son of yesterday top star Uttam Mohanty, believes that the Odia film industry has potential to shine at all levels.

"Odisha is very rich in culture, tradition, heritage and natural beauty. A lot of things are also happening in the state. Nowadays, you have OTT platforms to reach a wider audience. So, there is potential for our industry to further excel at the national and international level," concludes the Sister Sridevi actor.



## Priyanka hopes to open doors for new gen girls

**Los Angeles:** Priyanka Chopra praises her American pop-star husband Nick Jonas for being wise "beyond his years."

Married to Nick since 2018, the actress revealed how he helps her to overcome her insecurities, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"He's a wise man beyond his years ... I get affirmations from him all the time, to remind me of my value when I forget or when I get insecure. He just sees through the fog for me. He sees the best in people," the *Aitraaz* actress said.

Priyanka and Nick, 30, have both enjoyed huge success during their careers. And the couple, who have a 12-month-old daughter called Malti.

The actress enjoyed significant success in the Indian film industry before she made the switch to Hollywood. The Baywatch star hopes that she can become an inspiration for other aspiring actresses in Asia.

Priyanka, who was born in Jamshedpur in India, said: "Hopefully I'll open doors for the next generation of girls. Hopefully we'll see more Indian or South Asian actors in Hollywood. I want to commemorate the success and achievements of South Asians outside of India, in the international sphere, because we deserve that position. Why shouldn't we be on the main stage?"



## IFFB 2023 to kick off today

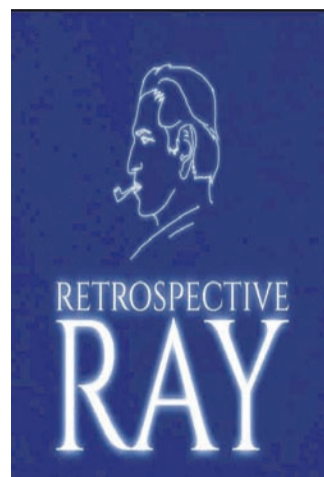
City film enthusiasts will get an opportunity to watch award winning movies, which were screened earlier in major film festivals across the globe, at the 12th edition of Indian Film Festival of Bhubaneswar (IFFB) organised by Film Society of Bhubaneswar

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar:** The 12th edition of seven-day long Indian Film Festival of Bhubaneswar (IFFB) 2023, organised by Film Society of Bhubaneswar (FSB), will begin here at the Odissi Research Centre Auditorium, Monday.

Several award winning films screened earlier in major film festivals such as MAMI, IFFK, Busan, Talin, Rotterdam, San-Sebastian will be part of the event, said Subrat Beura of FSB.

The movies to be screened on the first day include *Nine Hills One Valley* by Haobam Paban Kumar of Manipur, Malayalam movie *The Quarrel* by Sanal Kumar Sasidharan and others.



Satyajit Ray is one of the great filmmakers of world cinema



and IFFB will hold a retrospective on him with a line-up that covers his work spanning over 40 years. The viewers will get to see Ray's iconic movies such as *Pathar Panchali*, *Aparajito*, *Mahanagar*, *Charulata*, *Pratidwandi*, *Kapurush*, *Seemabaddha* and *Agantuk*.

While there will be post screening discussions with the makers, directors like Sanal Sasidharan, Kamal KM, Gurvinder Singh, Romi Meitei, Babu Eshwar Prasad, Sidharth Chauhan, Prabhash Chandra, Parth Saurabh and Ritesh

Sharma have given their consent to be part of the programme.

"There are sessions planned to explore the artistic practice and working methods of the directors - an invaluable resource for students and our members interested in the moving images," added Beura. This apart, the students' film competition has attracted entries from several institutes. The shortlisted films will be screened at the festival and the winners will be announced at the closing ceremony, it was learnt.

## BFFs Suhana, Shanaya attend Kendall Jenner's Dubai party

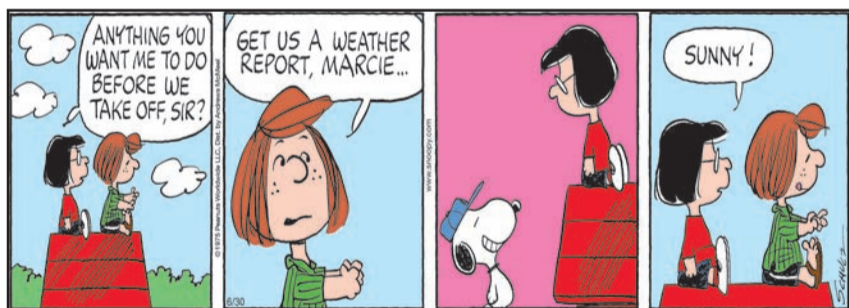
**Mumbai:** The grand launch of Dubai's newest luxury hotel Atlantis The Royal in Palm Jumeirah saw many celebrities from across the world in attendance. Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana Khan and Sanjay Kapoor's daughter Shanaya Kapoor were also showed up at the launch party. But what grabbed quite a few eye balls were the pictures

from super model Kendall Jenner's after party that the two attended. Shanaya shared a few glimpses from the bash on her Instagram stories. One of the pictures shows Suhana and Shanaya posing with Kendall Jenner. The background of the picture shows the stunning skyline of the city, and the breathtaking view from the hotel.

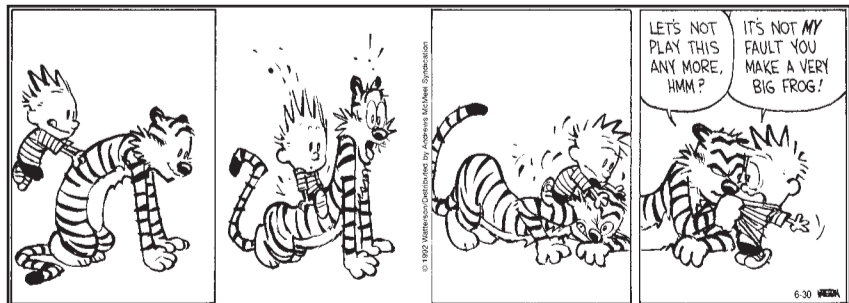
Another picture shared by Shanaya Kapoor showed her and Shanaya wearing matching sparkling heels, while another picture shows their outfits as they got ready to attend the grand event. Shanaya is seen in a bright red dress, while Suhana looks stunning in a nude-colored body-hugging strappy dress.



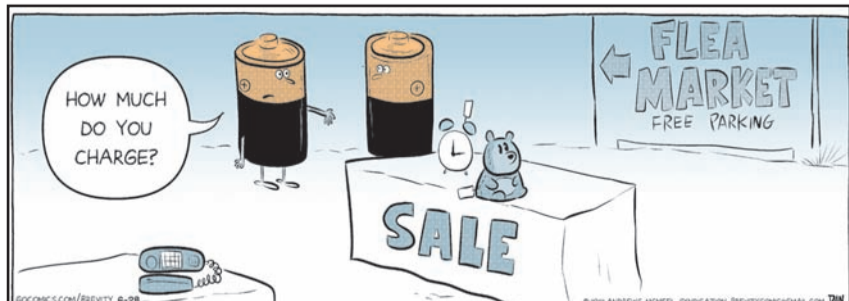
### PEANUTS



### CALVIN AND HOBBS

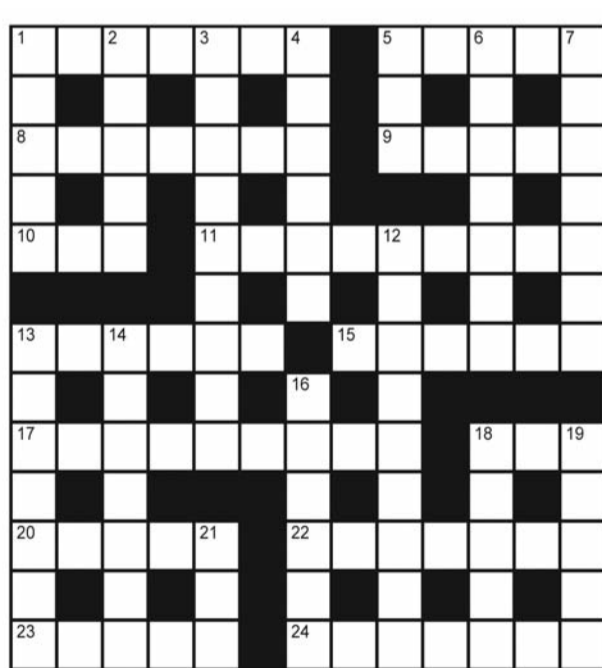


### BREVITY



### FUN post

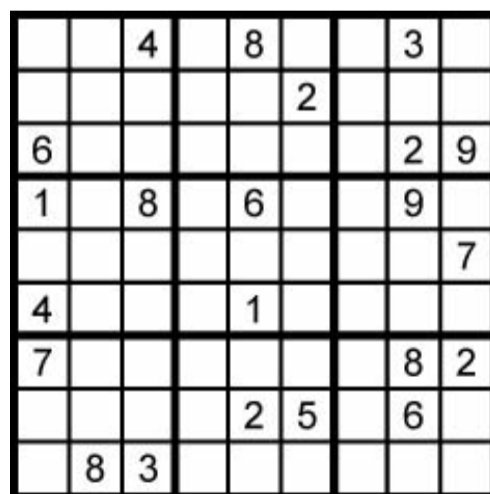
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  - 9 Small goose
  - 10 Auction unit
  - 11 Certain spectacles
  - 13 Seafood cocktail items
  - 15 Weed eater, maybe
  - 17 Lizard in disguise?
  - 18 Spanish aunt
  - 20 Unreactive
  - 22 Violent commotion
  - 23 Tennyson poem
  - 24 Spa employee
  - 5 Alehouse musical group
  - 6 Mid-sized
  - 7 Radical
  - 12 Soubriquets
  - 13 Tosca composer
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### SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



### SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW









# national

## of the day quote

The head of banned Kamtapur Liberation Organisation (KLO), which has been agitating for long demanding a separate state, is currently a guest of the Assam government

Let (BJP national general secretary) B L Santhosh come, BJP national president J P Nadda, Prime Minister Narendra Modi or Union Home Minister Amit Shah and campaign against me. I will surely win from Kolar

Thousands of years before the world saw the aircraft by the Wright brothers and learnt about Isaac Newton's law of gravity and John Dalton's atomic theory, India had come out with the invention and scientific concepts



Pawar is an experienced leader at the state and national level. His contribution to the cooperative sector is huge and cannot be ignored

### DRONE SHOT DOWN

In a joint operation by Border Security Force and Punjab police, a drone carrying drugs was shot down near the India-Pakistan international border in Amritsar Sunday, officials said



## BRIDE CALLS OFF WEDDING

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Farrukhabad (UP), Jan 22: It was mathematics that led to a wedding being called off in Uttar Pradesh's Farrukhabad district. A 21-year-old bride called off her wedding when the groom failed to count currency notes. The shocking revelation came during the marriage rituals when the priest grew 'doubtful of the man's behaviour' and informed the girl's family. The bride, Rita Singh, immediately walked off from the dais which led to a verbal spat between the two families and the police were called. The bride's family claimed that until the day of the marriage, they were unaware that the 23-year-old groom was 'mentally weak'. Mohit, the bride's brother, said, "Marriages usually happen in good faith and the mediator was a close relative, so we trusted him and did not meet the guy. When the priest



CISF personnel stand guard in view of Republic Day at Taj Mahal in Agra

PTI PHOTO

## Bharat Jodo Yatra reaches Samba



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Samba (J&K), Jan 22: The Bharat Jodo Yatra of the Congress reached Samba in Jammu and Kashmir Sunday afternoon, after covering 21 kilometres in more than six hours from adjoining Kathua amid heightened security in the wake of twin blasts in Jammu. The Congress said the foot march, being led by party leader Rahul Gandhi, will proceed according to its schedule and reach Jammu on Monday afternoon. "This was the 128th day of the Bharat Jodo Yatra. It started from Hiranagar (in Kathua) at 7 am and reached its destination at Chak Nanak (Samba district) at around 1.15 pm," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said at the camp site.

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JAIRAM RAMESH | CONGRESS LEADER

He said the tremendous response the yatra has received from people has unnerved the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is allegedly doing everything possible to harm Gandhi's image and using diversionary tactics to mislead the public from the real issues they are facing today. "The response of the people to the yatra in the BJP-ruled states was unprecedented and so has been the case since it arrived in Jammu and Kashmir. We saw people being pushed back at several places, but they did not pay any heed and came out in large numbers to join Rahul Gandhi," Ramesh said. After a day's break, the march started on Sunday from Hiranagar, near the International Border along

the Jammu-Pathankot highway, which was virtually sealed by police and other security forces, with all traffic diverted to other routes. Accompanied by Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Vikar Rasool Wani, working president Raman Bhalla and hundreds of volunteers carrying the tricolour, Gandhi was greeted by people waiting on both sides of the road. Ramesh said before the yatra started on Friday, Congress leaders, including former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Digvijay Singh, paid tributes to party stalwart Girdhari Lal Dogra, a staunch Nehruvian who was the finance minister of Jammu and Kashmir for more than 20 years and a two-term member of Parliament. Officials said adequate security arrangements have been put in place for Rahul Gandhi, with police, the CRPF and other security agencies keeping a tight vigil to ensure a peaceful march.

## Police forces must be trained in emerging technologies: PM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 22: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday said police forces should be made more sensitive and trained in emerging technologies while further strengthening traditional policing mechanisms like foot patrols.

Addressing the 57th all India conference of Director Generals/Inspector Generals of Police, the prime minister also emphasised on enhanced cooperation between state police and central agencies to leverage capabilities and share best practices.

He recommended repealing obsolete criminal laws and building standards for police organisations across states. "The prime minister suggested making the police forces more sensitive and training them in emerging technologies," according to an official statement. He discussed strengthening the border as well as coastal security by organising frequent visits of officials. Prime Minister Modi underscored the importance of the National Data Governance Framework for smoothening data exchange across agencies.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Union Home Minister Amit Shah, NSA Ajit Doval and others, attends the 57th All India Conference of Director Generals/Inspector Generals of Police, in New Delhi

PTI PHOTO

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forms to improve jail management. Prime Minister Modi called for replicating the model of the DGP/IGP conferences at the state and district levels for discussing emerging challenges and evolving best practices among their teams. The conference covered various aspects of policing and national security, including Counter Terrorism, Counter Insurgency and Cyber Security. Union Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval among others attended the three-day meet. Around 600 more officers of various levels attended the conference.

He suggested that while police forces should further leverage technological solutions like biometrics etc., there is also a need to further strengthen traditional policing mechanisms like foot patrols. Modi also favoured prison re-

### SHORT TAKES

#### Three charred

Bilaspur: Three persons were charred to death when their car caught fire after ramming into a tree in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district, police said Sunday. The accident occurred at Khaira-Podi village between Ratanpur and Pendra road on Saturday night, Ratanpur-Kota sub divisional officer of police (SDOP) Ashish Arora said. A fire broke out in the car after it rammmed into a tree on the side of the road. The victims could not get out of the vehicle and were charred to death, he said. The victims, whose skeletal remains were found inside the car, are yet to be identified, the official said.

#### Idols recovered

Buxar (Bihar): Four 'ashtadhatu' (made of eight metals) idols of Hindu deities, which were stolen from a temple here a day ago, were recovered within 12 hours of the theft, a police officer said. One person has been arrested in this connection, and the police are on the lookout for four others who were involved in the theft, he said.

#### Man killed

Hyderabad: A man was hacked to death by three unidentified persons in broad daylight in Hyderabad on Sunday, police said. The assailants, armed with machetes and sickles, chased the victim and attacked him on Jiyaguda bypass road near Puranapul under Kulsumpura police station. The brutal killing was filmed by some passersby on their mobile phones. The video has gone viral on social media.

#### Two dead

Shimla: Two people were killed and as many injured when a car they were travelling in fell into a gorge in Kinnaur district on Sunday, police said. The accident happened near Nichar at around 6 am, killing Amar Singh (47) and Mehbir (58), both residents of Rokcharang village in Kinnaur's Nathpa, they said.

#### Civilian injured

Srinagar: A civilian was injured Sunday after terrorists hurled a grenade at security forces in Eidgah locality here, police said. "One grenade was lobbed by terrorists in Eidgah area which caused minor splinter injury to one person namely Ajaz Ahmed Deva, 32, son of Abdul Rasheed Deva and resident of Sangem, Srinagar," Srinagar police said on Twitter. Police said the injured person has been taken to hospital and is out of danger.

## 'Himalayan Task': NDRF to station permanent teams in hills

NDRF director general (DG) Atul Karwal said the force is taking a number of steps to tackle disasters in the mountains as there is an 'aggravated' threat of such incidents occurring in the future

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 22: The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is mulling to permanently station specialised mountaineering teams in the higher reaches of the Himalayas so that they are ready and acclimatised to launch swift rescue operations during snow avalanches, landslides and glacial lake

outburst floods among others, officials said. The federal contingency force has initiated a slew of measures to prepare its saviours for tackling natural and man-made catastrophes in these fragile mountain ranges on India's north which, according to experts, may see a rise in accidents due to a variety of reasons, including climate change and human development. The force, that draws its complete manpower on deputation from paramilitary forces, proposes to keep multiple small teams of four-five mountaineering trained personnel at the border posts of various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) like the ITBP. Apart from the China LAC guarding Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), the Sashastra Seema Bal and



the Border Security Force too have posts at high-altitude as part of their mandate to guard the Nepal, Bhutan and Pakistan borders. NDRF director general (DG) Atul Karwal said the force is taking a number of steps to tackle disasters in the mountains as there is an "aggravated" threat of such incidents occurring in the future. He was speaking about the new initiatives being undertaken by them in this domain during a recent session on 'disaster response in

mountains', held to mark the 18th Raising Day of the force on January 19 here. "The Himalayas are a young mountain range...The forces that made them are still at work and hence these ranges are not settled and stable...Something is changing here and the reasons attributed to be by the experts are many like climate change, uncontrolled development and breach of load bearing capacity of these regions," Karwal said. He recounted the 2013 flash floods in Uttarakhand, the February, 2021 glacial lake outburst floods in the border town of Chamoli and the latest incident of land subsidence in Joshimath and nearby areas, as some of the disasters that took place in the mountainous areas in

the recent past. "There is full possibility of such disasters occurring much more than before and in an aggravated manner and hence the NDRF has to be prepared to meet these challenges..." the DG said. "The mountain rescue skills and capabilities will not only help us in the hilly terrain of the north but also elsewhere. These skills are useful everywhere as traversing through ropes is an expertise required for many other operations including high-rise rescue," he said. Karwal said it is being thought and planned that specialised mountain rescue trained teams of the NDRF, with a strength of four-five personnel each, will be stationed for three-four months in rotation at high-altitude (above 10,000 feet) posts of CAPFs.











# Spain scrape past Malaysia

## DESPITE HEROIC EFFORTS, ASIAN SIDE GO DOWN IN SUDDEN DEATH SHOOTOUT

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 22: Spain beat Malaysia 4-3 in penalty shootout in a thrilling crossover match to qualify for the quarterfinals of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup after the two sides were locked 2-2 at the Kalinga Stadium here Sunday. Spain now face title contenders and Pool A toppers Australia in the last eight stage Tuesday.

After the two sides were goalless at half time, Faizal Saari put Malaysia ahead in the 35th minute but Marc Miralles (41st) and Xavier Gispert (42nd) scored in quick succession to put Spain 2-1 up. Shello Silverius then scored a fine field goal to make the scoreline 2-2.

In the penalty shootout, it was 3-3 after the first set of five players took their shots. Firhan Ashari, Saari and Suhaimi Shahmie Irfan scored for Malaysia, while Marhan Jalil and Silverius missed. Miralles, Bonastre Jordi and Xavier scored for Spain while Alvaro Iglesias and Marc Reyne failed to score. As the two teams were tied 3-3, sudden death was applied. Spain's Miralles scored while Ashari missed.

Spain, who had finished third in Pool D behind England and India, dominated the match with a lot of circle penetration but the speedy Malaysians were impressive in the counter-attack. Such was dominance of Spain that they got eight



Spanish players celebrate after their victory over Malaysia at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Sunday. PHOTO

penalty corners, but failed to convert a single one. Malaysia earned just one penalty corner, but wasted it.

Malaysia were able to put the ball in the Spanish goal in the first minute of the fourth quarter but the goal was disallowed with the umpire ruling that the ball had touched the back stick of Saari.

However, looking at how the game progressed, Spain will have a very tough time against the Australians. Whenever, the Malaysians attacked the Spanish defenders were caught napping.

Spain won the match 4-3 in sudden death but as their players and chief coach Max Caldas erupted in

joy, they had all the reasons to feel lucky to escape with victory as they had failed to make the most of their chances and ball possession. They had to thank goalkeeper Garin, who was brought in as a substitute just for the shootout and did his job superbly by pulling off a couple of good saves.

# Reid harps on mental aspect

## Coach feels that India did not go into the game in the best frame of mind

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Bhubaneswar, Jan 22: India's chief coach Graham Reid said Sunday that the team need a mental conditioning coach going ahead after the hosts lost to New Zealand in penalty shootout in a crossover match to crash out of the hockey World Cup here.

Reid's comments could be an indication that his team were not able to deal with the mental aspect of the game. "We need to do something different perhaps. Following this, we will work on how we can get a mental coach involved. I think that is an important part for the future of the team," a distraught Reid said at the post match conference.

"As far as the drills or training are concerned, we do what all other teams do. I have been in this game for a long time and I know what other teams are doing. If there is anything necessary, a silver bullet out there, I do think that (is) mentally," the Indian coach added.

In the shootout, India and New Zealand were tied 3-3 after five shots. Captain Harmanpreet Singh had the chance to seal the match in the first round of sudden death when New Zealand's Nic Woods fluffed his chance, but he inexplicably chose to take a direct hit from a distance and wasted the golden chance.

Asked why he took a shot like that in a crucial moment, Harmanpreet said, "It was a good opportunity and



Lalit Kumar (2nd left) celebrates with teammates after scoring the opening goal for India against New Zealand. PHOTO

I wanted to score and seal the match. But it did not happen," Harmanpreet said.

Harmanpreet was asked whether captaincy put pressure on him and affected his performance. "It is a team game. Everybody has been talking about my (lack of) penalty corner conversions. But I had not gone into a match without wanting to score. I feel no pressure. I have to work harder and the same for the team also," Harmanpreet stated.

Reid said the team would need to go back to the drawing board and sort out the mistakes.

"Tonight, we lacked consistency. In the last quarter, for example, we let ourselves down. We threw the ball away, kept doing stuff like that. Things like that made it very difficult for ourselves," Reid pointed out. "It is very hard to answer questions

### Tirkey laments missed chances

Bhubaneswar: Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey lamented Sunday that the hosts wasted chances galore during their sudden death defeat in the crossover match against New Zealand as they made a shock exit from the hockey World Cup here. "We got a lot of chances to win the match. We have been talking that penalty corners are very important to win matches, but we wasted one after the other," Tirkey said in a video on his Twitter handle. "After that, we got the chance to win in the penalty shootout. We got two chances. Our goalkeepers saved twice in sudden death and we had the chance to win, that also we wasted," Tirkey added.

after such a loss. It is (lack of) skill execution at the end of the day. We need to work on that," Reid signed off.

# SPORTS MINISTRY STOPS ALL ACTIVITIES OF WFI

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Ayodhya, Jan 22: The Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) emergency general council meeting, scheduled here for Sunday, was called off after the Sports Ministry directed it to suspend all ongoing activities owing to the various allegations against the sports body and its president.

The ministry said it has asked the WFI to the country's top grapplers, including Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Ravi Dahiya.

In a press release, the Sports Ministry said it 'has communicated to the Wrestling Federation of India on Saturday that in view of the Government's decision to ap-

point an Oversight Committee to investigate the various allegations raised by athletes against the Federation, WFI will suspend all ongoing activities with immediate effect, unless the Oversight Committee is formally appointed and takes over the day to day functioning of WFI'.

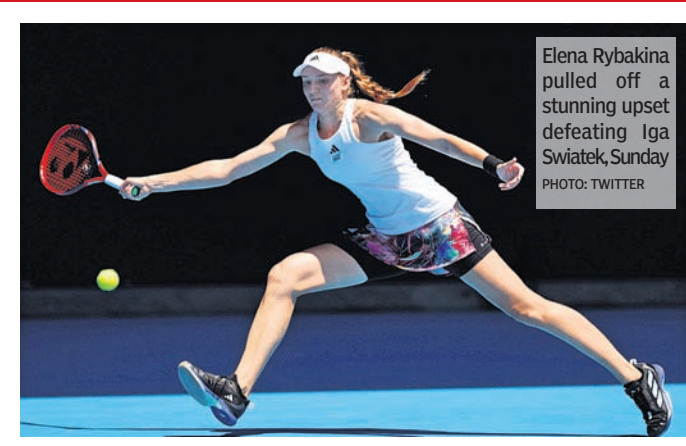
Sharan has been accused of sexually harassing women wrestlers and working like a dictator by some of the country's top grapplers, including Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Ravi Dahiya.

The ministry had Saturday also suspended WFI's assistant secretary Vinod Tomar, a fallout of the grapplers' allegations of sexual harassment and corruption against the sports body's chief.

AGENCIES

Melbourne, Jan 22: It was a day of major upsets at the Australian Open tennis tournament here Sunday as World No. 1 Iga Swiatek and seventh seed Coco Gauff were both sent packing by their respective opponents. Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina defeated Swiatek 6-4, 6-4 in a fourth round match to set up a clash with 2017 French Open winner Jelena Ostapenko who trounced Gauff 7-5, 6-3.

The loss made Swiatek wonder whether she needs to reassess her outlook. "I felt like I took a step back in terms of how I approach these tournaments, and I maybe wanted it a little bit too hard. So I'm going to try to chill out a little bit



Elena Rybakina pulled off a stunning upset defeating Iga Swiatek Sunday. PHOTO: TWITTER

more," Swiatek said. "I felt the pressure, and I felt that I don't want to lose instead of I want to win," she added.

In other women's action Sunday,

the winner of the night match between two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka and unseeded Zhu Lin.

Both the 22nd-seeded Rybakina, a 23-year-old who represents Kazakhstan, and the 17th-seeded Ostapenko, a 25-year-old from Latvia, made it this far in Melbourne for the first time.

In men's singles, 22-year-old American Sebastian Korda — whose father, Petr, won the 1998 Australian Open — reached his first Grand Slam quarterfinal by edging No. 10 Hubert Hurkacz 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (10-7), unseeded Jiri Lehecka

upset No. 6 Felix Auger-Aliassime 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-3), and No. 18 Karen Khachanov eased past No. 31 Yoshihito Nishioka 6-0, 6-0, 7-6 (7-4).

# Bad day for Indians

MELBOURNE: Sania Mirza's last women's doubles Grand Slam match ended in defeat as she went down 4-6, 6-4, 2-6 in the second round of the Australian Open here Sunday. Mirza and her Kazakh partner Anna Danilina, seeded eighth, lost to Belgium's Alison Van Uytvanck and Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina. On the other hand, the Indian men's doubles pair of N Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan's run in the competition ended when they were beaten by the French duo of Jeremy Chardy and Fabrice Martin 4-6, 4-6.

played on the day, Stefanos Tsitsipas held firm in the face of a Jannik Sinner onslaught to clinch a thrilling 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3 fourth-round victory.

# SHORT TAKES

## Seyoung, Vitidsarn emerge champions

New Delhi: An Seyoung snapped a run of losses against two-time World Champion Akane Yamaguchi with a come-from-behind win in the women's singles final, becoming the first Korean woman to win the India Open badminton tournament here Sunday. Seyoung defeated World No. 1 Yamaguchi 15-21, 21-16, 21-12. In the men's singles final, Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn also pulled off a stunning upset as he beat Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen of Denmark 22-20, 10-21, 21-12 in a match that lasted 64 minutes. Korean Seyoung was ecstatic after her victory. "I knew that the match will be another long battle. So I had made up my mind to be ready," she said with the help of an interpreter after her 72-minute battle.

## Back on track

Potchefstroom: India put their women's Under-19 T20 World Cup campaign back on track in Group 1 Super Six stage with a commanding seven-wicket win against Sri Lanka here Sunday. Indian bowlers put up a superb show to restrict Sri Lanka to 59 for nine in 20 overs. Sixteen-year-old leg-spinner Parshavi Chopra (4/5) stole the show and was well-supported by left-arm spinner Mannat Kashyap (2/16). India then scored the winning target in 7.2 overs with Soumya Tiwari (28 n o, 15b, 5x4) leading the charge. When Sri Lanka batted, except for skipper Vishmi Gunaratne (25) and Umay Rathnayake (13) none of the other batters, could get double digit scores.

# NIGHT OF AGONY AND ECSTASY

- Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh reacts in pain after getting injured during the shootout Sunday
- New Zealand players are over the moon after the win Sunday
- Disconsolate fans at the Kalinga Stadium after India's loss
- A fan all decked up in India colours ahead of the game Sunday
- New Zealand goalkeeper Hayward pulls off a save during the shootout