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INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2023

CSK GETS 5TH TITLE



Team Absolute | Ahmedabad

Ravindra Jadeja hit a four off the last ball as Chennai Super Kings equalled Mumbai Indians' record for most IPL titles. Sai Sudharsan had propelled Gujarat Titans to a score of 214/4 by smashing 96 off just 47 balls. The 23-year-old Chennai lad smashed eight fours and six sixes in his innings as he made the most of the death overs. Earlier, Wriddhiman Saha scored 54 off 39 on a day when his prolific opening partner Shubman Gill was limited to a

score of 39 off 20. Only slight drizzles appeared throughout the GT innings which didn't cause stoppages of any kind. However, the stoppage came eventually after the third ball of the first over of the CSK innings with heavy rain pouring down at the stadium. While the rain itself didn't last long, it was the wet outfield, particularly a problematic practice pitch at the edge of the square that caused the biggest delay. Finally, the match got reduced to 15 overs and CSK's target was revised to 171. The match eventually resumed and it has been a see-saw affair ever since. Big hits from Devon

Conway, Ajinkya Rahane, Shivam Dube and Ambati Rayudu helped CSK's cause but Mohit Sharma came in with the important wickets whenever it looked like the opposition was running away with it. Mohit bowled the last over as well and brought it down to CSK needing 10 to win off the last two balls. But Ravindra Jadeja ended up smashing the second last ball for a six and the last ball for a four to lead CSK to their fifth title.

Jadeja hits it to fine leg and can you believe it!! A yellow tidal wave has come on to the field in Ahmedabad, CSK have equalled MI's record for

most IPL titles. At the end of a final that has stretched into its third day, this tournament provides a final twist. They seemed to be done and dusted, did CSK. And then the second last ball went over long on and the last goes past short fine leg. Dhoni looked almost nonchalant when that went away, typical of him one would say. One has to feel for Mohit Sharma, he bowled a near perfect last over, errs with his line off the last ball and that costs his team a second consecutive IPL title. Hardik Pandya gives him a long hug while talking away into his ear.

WRESTLING MESS

After Jantar Mantar eviction, protest likely to shift to Delhi-Haryana border!



Team Absolute | New Delhi

After Delhi Police cleared all signs of the wrestlers' month-long protest, taking away all items that the grapplers have brought to Jantar Mantar to protest against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh over sexual misconduct allegations, sources told reporter that the stir may now be shifted to the Delhi-Haryana border.

Earlier on Monday, the DCP New Delhi shared a tweet to further clear the air.

"The dharna of the wrestlers was going on smoothly at the Jantar Mantar. Yesterday, protesters violated the law despite all requests made to them. That is why, the ongoing sit-in protest has been made to conclude. If the wrestlers give an application for sit-in protest again in future, they will be permitted to do the same at a suitable place other than Jantar Mantar."

The message was loud and clear that it will be difficult for wrestlers to come back to Jantar Mantar again. However, when contacted, the ace grapplers said that they are in talks with their 'seniors' and will share further plans soon.

“It took 7 days for Delhi Police to register an FIR against Brij Bhushan who sexually assaulted girls and it didn't even take 7 hours to register an FIR against us for peacefully protesting. Has dictatorship started in this country? The whole world is watching how the government is treating its players.”

Sakshi Malik, Olympic bronze medallist

Meanwhile, a source told reporter that the protest may shift to the Delhi borders like how farmers' agitation was held.

"Now that farmers and Khaps are also involved in the protest, so wrestlers can't make their own decisions. They will wait for their 'bujurgs' (seniors) to decide," said a source.

Markets close on high note; Nifty heading towards lifetime high

Chennai | Agencies

The two Indian stock markets ended on a high note on Monday with experts predicting the Nifty of NSE is progressing towards a lifetime high.

The Nifty opened the week on a high note at 18,619.15 points after closing previously at 18,499.35 points.

During the day, the Nifty touched a high of 18,641.20 and a low of 18,581.25 and closed at 18,598.65.

"The Nifty held on to steady gains to end higher on May 29. At close, the Nifty was up 0.54 per cent or 99.3 points at 18,598.7. Volumes did not expand even as the Nifty kept surging higher," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities said.

Jasani said global markets mostly rose after US President Joe Biden and Congressional leaders reached a tentative deal to raise the debt ceiling over the weekend.

The bill is expected to be voted on later this week. Trading volumes were light, with the US, UK and several European markets closed today for holidays.

According to Jasani, 18,696 is the next resistance for Nifty, while 18,508 could be a support.

In a report, ICICI Securities said the stage is set for Nifty to challenge an all-time high in the coming month.

"Going ahead, we expect the index to resolve out of the intermediate hurdle of 18,500 and challenge a lifetime high of 18,900 in the coming month. Meanwhile, we do not foresee the Nifty breaching the key support threshold of 17,800. In the process, we expect broader markets to accelerate upward momentum fuelled by the 18 month's consolidation breakout in the Midcap index," ICICI Securities added.

According to ICICI Securities, the inflows from foreign institutional investors (FII) have remained sturdy in May (Rs 25,000 crore so far), which is a key supporting factor for the acceleration of the structural uptrend ahead.

Similarly, the Sensex of BSE opened at 62,801.54 (previous close 62,501.69) which was also the low point. The Sensex touched a high of 63,026.00 and closed at 62,846.38 points, an increase of 344.69 points.

Kharge, Rahul meet Gehlot amid rumblings in Congress' Rajasthan unit

New Delhi: Amid the crisis in the party's Rajasthan unit, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday was holding a crucial meeting with Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who asserted that he had never seen the tradition in the party that someone is asked by the high command about a post he wants or is offered one to pacify him.

Gehlot arrived at the residence of Kharge here at the 10 Rajaji Marg, and soon after him, former party chief Rahul Gandhi and state in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa too reached for the meeting.

According to sources, the party leaders are set to decide on the crisis in the state leadership where Gehlot and his former Deputy Sachin Pilot have opened a front against each other.

A source said that beside working on bringing the two warring leaders together the party leadership will also try to chalk out the strategy for the upcoming Assembly election in the desert state.

Meanwhile, Pilot is too set to have a meeting with Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. However, it is yet not clear if Pilot will be meeting the party leadership separately.

'Courts should not sit as appellate authority': Delhi HC dismisses PIL on Rs 2,000 notes

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed a plea challenging the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and State Bank of India (SBI) notifications, that permits exchange of the withdrawn Rs 2,000 notes without any identity proof.

A division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad dismissed the petition after having reserved its judgement on May 23. During the hearing, the bench observed that RBI's present decision to dispense with Rs 2,000 denomination banknotes is not a decision towards demonetisation.

The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by BJP leader and advocate Ashwini Upadhyay also said that the notifications -- published on May 19 and 20 -- were arbitrary and offended Article 14 of Constitution of India.



The PIL had also sought a direction to the RBI and the SBI to make sure that Rs 2,000 notes were deposited in respective bank accounts only, so that people having black money and disproportionate assets could be identified.

However, the high court on Monday noted that in order to ensure that there is a smooth transition of Rs 2,000 denomination banknotes, which continue to be a legal tender till September, 2023 i.e. for four months, banks have provided facilities for conversion of these banknotes to other denominations, therefore, the

present case is not the case of demonetisation but withdrawal of Rs 2,000 denomination banknotes from circulation. The court said: "For this purpose, the government has taken a decision not to insist upon the requirement of identity proof for exchange of Rs 2,000 denominations banknotes so that everybody can exchange the same with the other denomination banknotes." Therefore, it cannot be said that the decision of the government is perverse or arbitrary or it encourages black money, money laundering, profiteering or it abets corruption."

10 OF A FAMILY KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT IN KARNATAKA

Mysuru | Agencies

Ten persons including four children, belonging to the same family, were killed in a road accident in Mysuru district of Karnataka on Monday.

The accident occurred near Kurubur on Kollegal Main Road near T. Narasipura town when an Innova, in which the family was travelling, collided head-on with a private bus.

According to police, the deceased were returning to Mysuru after visiting Male Mahadeshwara Hill.

Preliminary investigation shows that both car and the private bus drivers were driving at a high speed, resulting in the tragedy. The

deceased were identified as Sujatha (40), Sandeep (23), Manjunath (35), Poornima (30), Gayathri (28), Aditya, Basava, Kotresh (45), Pavan (10) and Karthik (8).

The deceased belonged to the same family and hailed from Sanganakallu village in Ballary district. Superintendent of Police Seema Latkar stated that the driver of Innova lost balance and collided with the bus. The condition of two others, who are yet to be identified, is critical. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah expressed grief over the incident. He also announced Rs 2 lakh compensation each for the family of the deceased. Those who were injured will be provided treatment.

5 DEAD IN FRESH MANIPUR VIOLENCE, ARMY APPREHENDS 22 MISCREANTS

Team Absolute | New Delhi/Imphal

At least five people, including a policeman, were killed and 12 others injured after fresh violence erupted in Manipur yesterday, where ethnic clashes have claimed at least 80 lives. Fresh violence was reported in several parts of the state after alleged terrorists, carrying sophisticated weapons, set fire to many houses in Serou and Sugunu area. This comes just ahead of Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to the violence-hit state.

Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Sunday said that "40 terrorists" have been shot dead over the last couple of



days. The Chief Minister said the spurt in violent attacks on civilians on the outskirts of Imphal valley in the past two days seemed well-planned and is strongly condemnable. Amit Shah has appealed to both the Meiteis and the

Kukis to maintain calm and peace, and work for bringing normalcy.

The Army has apprehended 22 armed miscreants who tried to set houses afire in Imphal East District of Manipur, and also recovered

weapons from their possession, an official said on Monday. A Defence spokesperson said that a large number of Army troops were mobilised on Sunday night after intelligence inputs suggested armed miscreants were venturing out to burn houses at Sanasabi, Gwaltabi and Shabunkhol Khunao in the hilly region of Imphal East district.

Multiple Mobile Vehicle Check Posts were immediately set up and search operations in the area were undertaken.

The official said that at one point of time, Army soldiers were attacked and fired upon by miscreants who were trying to burn the houses.

Rights & Risks Analysis Group seeks President's rule in Manipur

Imphal: Rights & Risks Analysis Group (RRAG), an independent think-tank based in Delhi, on Monday urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to consider imposing President's rule in Manipur in view of the failure to bring the ethnic violence under control despite the imposition of Article 355 on May 6. RRAG Director Suhas Chakma said that in the ethnic violence that began on May 3 following the protest of the Kuki tribals over the judgment of the Manipur High Court on the grant of Scheduled Tribe status to the Meiteis, over 80 persons were killed while over 250 persons were injured.

The RRAG is involved in conducting risk analysis with the aim of preventing violations of human rights.

About 26,000 people have been internally displaced while another 50,000 people had to be relocated within their communities for safety.