World Boxing C'ships

Jaismine, Minakshi Clinch gold medals

JAISMINE Lamboria and Minakshi Hooda cemented their place in Indian boxing history here, clinching World Championship titles with gritty wins as the country capped off its best-ever campaign in the women's section on foreign

Jaismine outclassed Paris Olympics silver medallist Julia Szeremeta of Poland in the 57kg summit clash late on Saturday night, prevailing 4-1 on the judges' scorecards (30-27, 29-28, 30-27, 28-29, 29-28) to end her stupendous campaign

World Wrestling:

Deepak, Vikash,

Amit bow out

Aman disqualified;

ZAGREB (CROATIA): In-

dia's campaign at the World

Wrestling Championships

suffered a huge setback on

pics bronze medallist Aman

Sehrawat was disqualified

for failing to make weight

and Deepak Punia bowed

out along with two others,

57kg men's freestyle, was

weight during the official

weigh-in and was forced to

withdraw before taking the

The 2019 world champi-

onship medallist Deepak,

competing in non-Olympic

92kg weight category, began

with a commanding 6-1 vic-

tory over Austria's Benjamin

Geril but lost the next bout

3-4 to Azerbaijan's Osman

Nurmagomedov.

mat, ending his challenge

without a bout.

found to be 1.7kg over-

Aman, competing in the

Sunday after Paris Olym-



with a golden flourish. "I have no words to describe how I am feeling," Jaismine told PTI. "I had got out in the

Ningbo (China)

INDIA'S Meghana Sajja-

nar clinched her first-ever

World Cup medal, a bronze

in the women's 10m air rifle,

as the country finished fifth

in the season-ending ISSF

In her first World Cup

final in eight years, Meghana

shot 230.0 to secure bronze

behind Norwegian Jeanette

silver. The event was domi-

nated by China's rising star

Peng Xinlu, who shattered

the world record with a

score of 255.3, bettering

compatriot Wang Zifei's

gave India their first gold

medal of the event in the

China topped the tally

with three golds, while Nor-

women's 10m air pistol.

On Saturday, Esha Singh

254.8.

Hegg Duestad, who won

World Cup Rifle/Pistol.

quarterfinals in the previous two Worlds, but I got the boost from the World Cup win and I decided

Meghana wins maiden

ISSF WC medal, India end fifth

way came away second with

Early on Sunday morning,

two golds in their kitty, of

Meghana shot a solid 632.7

in the second qualification

rally to claim the seventh

spot, while Peng topped

with a superlative 637.4.

The Chinese began the

24-shot final with a perfect

the 10 available.

matches. I just concentrated on my strategy and

Debutant Minakshi followed suit a day later on Sunday, out-punching Paris Olympics bronze medallist Nazym Kyzaibay of Kazakhstan by the same margin in the 48kg final to exact revenge for her World Cup loss in July.

Adding to the glory were Nupur Sheoran (80+kg) and the seasoned Pooja Rani (80kg), who signed off with silver and bronze medals respectively, in non-Olympic weight categories. India thus ended with a haul of four medals, the

10.9 as Meghana lay at the bottom of the eight-woman

field after the first series of

52.3 moved her up to sixth

and over the next 10 single

shots, the experienced In-

dian shot nothing less than

for her 12th, to ensure her

Among other Indian

bronze medalist Swapnil

Kusale, shot a steady 587 to

finish 21st overall and 19th

among medal contenders.

Babu Singh Panwar was

further back with a score

Olympian Ramita Jindal

shot 629.8 to finish 22nd

contenders, while Kashika

overall and 16th among

Pradhan shot 626.6. (PTI)

In the women's air rifle,

first ever medal at this level.

contenders on the day, Paris

10.2, including a crucial 10.9

A strong second series of

five single shots.

best-ever in an overseas edition. With their victories, Jaismine and Minakshi joined an illustrious list of Indian world champions featuring six-time winner Mary Kom, two-time champion Nikhat Zareen, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL, Lekha KC, Nitu Ghanghas, Lovlina Borgohain and Saweety Boora.

Nupur walked away with silver after a narrow 2-3 defeat to Poland's technically astute Agata Kaczmarska. Pooja signed off with a bronze medal after going down to local favourite Emily Asquith by a 1-4 split verdict in the 80kg semifinals. (PTI)

Australia beat India by 8 wkts in first Women's ODI

MULLANPUR (PUNJAB): Opener Phoebe Litchfield and Beth Mooney struck excellent half-centuries in a dominant batting display as Australia beat India by eight wickets in the first Women's ODI of the three-match series here on Sunday.

Batting first, India posted a competitive 281 for seven but Australia rode on Litchfield's 80-ball 88 and Mooney's unbeaten 74-ball 77 to complete the task in 44.1 overs on a day when the Indians left a lot to be desired with their ground fielding and catching.

Annabel Sutherland chipped in with an unbeaten 54 in 51 balls.

Earlier, India were wellserved by half-centuries from Pratika Rawal (64 off 96 balls), Smriti Mandhana (58 off 63), and Harleen Deol (54 off 57) after skipper Harmanpreet Kaur opted to bat in her 150th match in this format.

In a competitive field of 14

drivers including seasoned European race winners, Atiqa was the lone female but that was hardly a factor as she completed a commanding victory from pole position in the prestigious DAMC Championship opener at the

In the finals, Atiqa kept it

makes her the first ever femarking a perfect start to her

Recognising her rare talent, first for an Indian driver.

"Im so happy with this win. Dubai Kartdrome is

where I started karting so this track will always remain close to my heart. I got limited running in preparation for this race, but nonetheless I was still able to be on pace. Big thanks to my sponsors AKCEL Academy for all their support," said Atiqa.

Fresh off a successful European season, Atiqa was in Dubai for a quick stop and will head to Slovakia next for Champions of the Future Academy Round 4 where she drives for the F1 DYD pro-

WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASIA CUP

India lose final 1-4 to China,

HANGZHOU (CHINA): The Indian women's

India drew the first blood through a pen-

form of a penalty corner and Navneet was on

China had earlier won the Asia Cup in 1989



History made as 10-yr-old Indian Atiqa wins UAE race

INDIAN racing's 10-year-old prodigy Atiqa Mir on Sunday created history by becoming the first woman in UAE karting to win a race in the Minimax category.

clean and within track limits to cross the chequered flag before anyone else. The win male to take a pole and a final win in the MiniMax category, Middle Eastern Karting leg.

Formula 1 had signed her for its F1 Academy DYD program earlier this year, another

miss out on direct WC berth

hockey team faltered when it mattered the most, losing 1-4 to China in the final of Asia Cup to miss out on direct qualification for next year's World Cup, here on Sunday.

alty corner conversion by Navneet Kaur in the very first minute itself before China came into their own, scoring through Zixia Ou (21st minute), Hong Li (41st), Meirong Zou (51st) and Jiaqi Zhong (53rd) to win their third title in tournament and secure their passage to the 2026 World Cup, to be held in Belgium and Netherlands

India got their first scoring chance within 39 seconds of the start of the match in the target to hand her side an early lead.

Three minutes later, China had a bright chance to draw level when they earned backto-back penalty corners, but the Indians defended brilliantly.

in Hong Kong and 2009 in Bangkok.

Over 2 lakh likely to appear for teacher recruitment tests in Bengal

AROUND 2 46 lakh candidates are expected to appear for SSC exams on Sunday for the recruitment of assistant teachers for classes 11 and 12 in the West Bengal governmentaided schools, officials said.

The School Level Selection Test (SLST) will be conducted at 478 centres

across the state, they said. On September 7, 3.19 lakh candidates had anpeared for the first phase of the tests for the recruitment of assistant teachers for classes 9 and 10 at 636

These exams are being conducted by the West Bengal School Service Commission after around 26,000 school teachers and

centres, the officials said.

non-teaching staffers lost their jobs as per the direcwhich stated that their recruitment process held in 2016 was "tainted and vitiated".

The West Bengal School Service Commission (WB-SSC) has introduced certain unique identification security features on each question paper to monitor

The apex court had dithat teachers who cleared the 2016 exams through unscrupulous means are not allowed to appear in the fresh recruitment process.

Subsequently, the names of 1,806 such 'tainted' teachers were announced by the WBSSC.

In view of security

measures, every candidate has been asked to turn up onwards, two hours before the start of the exam.

No electronic devices or mobile phones have been allowed, WBSSC Chairman Siddhartha Majumdar said. Venue supervisors and even SSC officials are also not being allowed inside the exam halls with phones. (PT



'Hindi should be language of science, judiciary, and police'

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said there was no conflict between Hindi and other Indian languages, and stressed that it should not just serve as a spoken tongue but must also become a language of science, technology, the judiciary, and police.

Addressing the inaugural session of the 5th Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan, Shah said Indians must preserve their languages and make them "immortal", urging parents to speak to children in their mother tongue.

"There is no conflict between Hindi and other Indian languages. Learned men like Dayanand Saraswati, Mahatma Gandhi, KM Munshi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and



many others accepted Hindi and promoted it. Gujarat, where Gujarati and Hindi have coexisted, is an excellent example of the development of both languages," he said.

The Union minister said, "Hindi is not just a spoken language or a language of administration. Hindi should also be the language of science, technology, justice and police. When all these works are done in Indian languages, then the connection with the public is automatically established.

Shah said that while Sanskrit has given us "the Ganga of knowledge, and Hindi has taken this knowledge to every home, and that knowledge has reached every person through our local languages." He said parents must

always speak to children in their mother tongues.

"This is very important for the child's future, as many psychologists and educationists have confirmed that a child thinks in his mother tongue. ... As soon as you impose a language other than the mother tongue on a child, 25 to 30 per cent of his mind's capacity will be spent

in translating it," Shah said. He further said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked to strengthen local languages through various types of technology, and the Home Ministry has created Bhartiya Bhasha Anubhag (Indian languages department), which will promote Hindi and other languages.

"For this, we are using science and technology a lot," he said. PTD

Ukrainian drones

strike one of Russia's top oil refineries

MOSCOW: Ukrainian drones overnight struck one of Russia's largest oil refineries, sparking a fire, according to Russian officials and Ukraine's military.

The strike on the Kirishi refinery, in Russia's northwestern Leningrad region, follows weeks of Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil infrastructure that Kyiv says fuels Moscow's war effort. The facility produces close to 17.7 million metric tonnes per year, or 355,000 barrels per

day, of crude. According to Ukraine's General Staff, explosions and a fire were reported at the site. It posted a photo appearing to show a blaze and clouds of smoke against a night sky.

Regional Gov. Alexander Drozdenko said three drones were downed overnight in the Kirishi area, with falling debris sparking a fire at the facility. He said no one was injured, and the blaze was put out. Russian officials did not immediately commented on the consequences of the strike.

Pahalgam victim's daughter calls for India-Pak match boycott

ASAVARI Jagdale, whose father Santosh Jagdale was one of the 26 people who lost their lives in the Pahalgam terror attack, called for the boycott of the India-Pakistan Asia Cup cricket match scheduled to be held in Dubai on Sunday.

India and Pakistan will face off on Sunday evening in what will be the first match between the traditional rivals since the escalation of the border conflict in May, when India struck terror infrastructure in the neighbouring country following the Pahalgam attack on April 22.

According to the government's new sports policy, India will not play bilateral contests against Pakistan, but will continue to face them in multilateral tournaments such as the ongoing Asia Cup and ICC events.

Talking to PTI, Asavari said, "I feel that today's match should not take place. Just over five months ago, the Pahalgam attack claimed 26 lives. And after all this, if the BCCI still thinks that they should go ahead with the match, then it is wrong?

Asavari was at Baisaran Valley with her parents when



SENA (UBT) STAGES PROTESTS

MUMBAI: The Shiv Sena (UBT) members on Sunday raised slogans and even destroyed a television set as part of their protests in different parts of Maharashtra against the India-Pakistan Asia Cup cricket match scheduled in Dubai. On Saturday, Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray said the cricket match between India and Pakistan in Dubai is an insult to national sentiments. The former state chief minister had also appealed to people not to watch the match and said his party's women workers will collect sindoor (vermilion) and send it to the Prime Minister's Office. Following his opposition to the match, the Sena (UBT) on Sunday organised 'Majha Kunku Majha Desh' campaign in Mumbai. "We will send these items (sindoor and other items used by a married woman) through official means, through post, not only from Mumbai, but from across Maharashtra to the PM's Office," Sena (UBT) leader and former Mumbai mayor Kishori Pednekar told reporters.

terrorists gunned down her father and their family

friend, Kaustubh Ganbote. She said that allowing the match would amount to playing with the emotions of

the victims' families. "I feel deep shame for those who are ready to play, those who organise the game, and those who will cheer this evening, forgetting the Pahalgam attack, the sacrifices of soldiers, and countless such attacks over the years," she said. (PTI)

2 new security camps set up in Naxal-hit Bijapur

RAIPUR: Two new CRPF camps have been set up at strategically important locations in Chhattisgarh's Naxalite-hit Bijapur district to address the security vacuum and facilitate development works, police said on Sunday. With this, 36 security camps have been set up in the district since January 2024.

During this period, 193 Maoists have been neutralised, 496 surrendered, and 900 were arrested, Bijapur Superintendent of Police Jitendra Kumar Yadav told PTI. The setting up of camps is aimed at providing basic facilities and security to villagers under the Chhattisgarh government's "Niyad Nella

Nar" (your good village) scheme, he said. While one 'Surakhsa evam Jan Suvidha Camp' (security and public facility camp) was established in Ullur village by district police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on September 9, another one was set up in Chillamarka village on September 11, both located under Bhopalpatnam police station limits, he said.