

India clinch series 3-0 Meghalaya to host 39th National Games

AHMEDABAD: Shubman Gill starred with his seventh ODI century, while Virat Kohli found form with a crucial fifty as India thrashed England by 142 runs in the third and final match, sealing a 3-0 series sweep and wrapping up their Champions Trophy preparations in style on Wednesday. Gill's 112 off 102 balls was the standout performance, supported by key contributions from Virat Kohli (52) and Shreyas Iyer (78), propelling India to a formidable total of 356 after being put

in to bat. India's bowlers then took charge, skittling England out for just 214 in 34.2 overs to secure a dominant victory — their second-largest ODI win by runs against England. Despite a promising start from openers Ben Duckett (34) and Phil Salt (24), England collapsed against spin after initially handling pace well. The slowing pitch further played into India's hands, making stroke-making increasingly difficult as the game progressed. Duckett took charge of England's response early

on but played one shot too many. After smacking Arshdeep Singh (2/33) for four consecutive boundaries around the park in the fifth over, he again went after the left-arm seamer but was deceived by the 'pace off' knuckle ball.

Brief Scores: India 356 all out in 50 overs (Shubman Gill 112, Virat Kohli 52, Shreyas Iyer 78, Adil Rashid 4/64) **beat England: 214 in 34.2 overs** (Tom Banton 38; Arshdeep Singh 2/33, Harshit Rana 2/31, Axar Patel 2/22).

SHILLONG: Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President PT Usha confirmed to Chief Minister Conrad Sangma that Meghalaya's proposal to host the 39th National Games in 2027 has been accepted, with the mega event scheduled for February-March of that year. The Chief Minister, Sports & Youth Affairs Minister Shakliar Warjri and others will receive the National Games flag as next hosts at the closing ceremony of the 38th edition on Friday in Uttarakhand. In a letter to Chief Minister Sangma, Usha said

the decision to allocate the hosting rights of the 39th National Games to Meghalaya in recognition of "Meghalaya's commitment to promoting sports and its capability to host a prestigious multi-sport event of this scale."

Reacting to the IOA's announcement, Chief Minister Sangma said, "The National Games are a symbol of the nation's drive to pursue excellence in sports. It creates role models and stories of perseverance that inspire. It is an honour for Meghalaya to host the event and have our youth take in the excitement of

the Games!" Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Warjri also shared his joy regarding the announcement, saying, "Meghalaya has seen significant developments in its sports ecosystem in recent times, and is ready to be considered amongst the sporting powerhouses of the nation. We look forward to welcoming athletes and fans alike to Meghalaya to experience all the State has to offer!" Meghalaya, then under the Chief Ministership of Dr Mukul Manda Sangma, had signed an agreement with the IOA in 2018 to host the National Games,

with the original target of 2022. However, the Covid-19 pandemic and the delay in other states to hold the Games according to their turn meant that the date for Meghalaya was pushed back, with the government now looking to hold them in two years' time. The announcement also comes off Meghalaya's most successful National Games campaign, where five medals were won by Meghalaya athletes in Uttarakhand. Meghalaya has already begun preparations for the event in collaboration with the MSOA, where nearly 40 sports have

been identified for consideration. Further, the State shall host events in all three major cities of Meghalaya — Shillong, Tura, and Jowai. It is estimated that nearly twelve thousand athletes shall participate in the Games. The marquee infrastructure of the J.N. Sports Complex, the P.A. Sangma Sports Complex, and the Wahijer Stadium shall be used during the Games, along with other venues such as the Mawdiangdiang Sports Complex and the Integrated Hospitality and Sports Complex which shall also be ready.

BADMINTON ASIA MIXED TEAM C'SHIPS

India rout Macau

NEW DELHI: India, last edition's bronze medalists, began their Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2025 campaign with a commanding 5-0 victory over Macau in Group D at the Qingdao Sports Centre Conson Gymnasium in China on Wednesday.

The emphatic win also secured India's place in the knockout stage. They will now take on two-time runners-up South Korea in the second Group D encounter today (Thursday) to decide the group winner.

National Games mixed doubles gold medallists Sathish Karunakaran and Aadya Variyath set the tone for India with a clinical 21-10, 21-9 triumph over Leong Lok Chong and Ng Weng Chi in the opening mixed doubles fixture.

Lakshya Sen extended India's lead, defeating Pui Pang Fong 21-16, 21-12 in the

men's singles, while Malvika Bansod sealed India's knockout berth with a dominant 21-15, 21-9 victory over Chan Hao Wai in the women's singles.

India fielded a new men's doubles combination of MR Arjun and Chirag Shetty, who breezed past Macau's Pui Chi

Chon and Vong Kok Weng 21-15, 21-9, making it 4-0.

The women's doubles pairing of Gayatri Gopichand and Treasa Jolly completed the rout with a resounding 21-10, 21-5 win over Ng Weng Chi and Pui Chi Wa, capping off India's flawless start to the tournament.

CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2025

Bumrah ruled out from squad

According to reports, Rana has impressed in the ongoing ODI series against England, scalping four wickets in his first two outings. The third ODI will be played in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

India also included spinner Varun Chakaravathy in the squad, replacing Yashasvi Jaiswal, who was

originally part of the provisional team. Jaiswal has been named as a non-travelling substitute, alongside Mohammed Siraj and Shivam Dube.

India begin their ICC Men's Champions Trophy

2025 campaign against Bangladesh on 20 February, before taking on rivals Pakistan in a highly-anticipated clash on 23 February. India will play their final Group A match against New Zealand on 2 March, the report said.

TCIL's IPO opens tomorrow

MUMBAI: Tejas Cargo India Limited (TCIL) is engaged in the business of providing long haul supply chain transportation services by road across India. They offer express supply chain transportation services by road under Full Truck Load ("FTL"), to a diverse range of companies who are inter alia engaged in the logistics, steel and cement, e-commerce, industrial & chemicals, FMCG and white goods sectors. The company has fixed the price band of ₹ 160 to ₹ 168 per Equity Share of face value ₹ 10/- each for its maiden initial public offer.

The public issue is entirely a fresh issue of 63,00,000 equity shares with no offer-for-sale (OFS) component. The company has reserved 63,200 equity shares under the employee reservation portion for subscription by eligible employees and 3,15,200 equity shares is reserved for market maker reservation portion.

Proceeds from the fresh issue to the extent of Rs. 31.76 cr will be utilized for purchase of additional trailers for the Company; Rs 30

crore for meeting working capital requirements; Rs 15 cr for repayment and/or pre-payment, in full or part, of certain borrowings availed by the Company; and general corporate purposes.

The company has facilities for fleet placements, and fleet loading, and unloading through a network of 23 branches. Nine of these branches are also capable of managing operations and performing fleet maintenance and repairs. To service and maintain its fleet, it maintains a specialized three-acre in-house maintenance facility manned by automobile service professionals. Additionally, the company holds a PESO license for storing petroleum, and to run a petroleum distribution station for captive use. This strategic setup ensures access to fuel at competitive prices, optimizing fuel costs.

They have completed on a pan India basis over 98,913 trips and 58,943 trips during Fiscal 2024 and for the six months period ended September 30, 2024, respectively. It derives more than 98% of their

revenue by providing long haul supply chain transportation services including shipment planning, route optimisation, fleet selection, documentation, tracking, communication and coordination and performance evaluation.

As on October 31, 2024, it has a fleet size of 1,131 vehicles consisting of 218 trailers and 913 container trucks, equipped with Internet of Things ("IoT")-based solutions such as Geo Fencing, Centralised Digital Locking, GPS and SIM based tracking, Advance Driver Assistance System ("ADAS"/Driver State Monitoring ("DSM") as well as AI-powered rear camera technology.

Tejas Cargo's revenue from operations increased by 9.83% to ₹ 419.33 crore for the year ended March 31, 2024 from ₹ 381.78 crore for the year ended March 31, 2023, primarily due to increased number of placements. Profit after tax increased from ₹ 9.86 crore for the year ended March 31, 2023 to ₹ 13.22 crore for the year ended March 31, 2024.

Dev IT announces results

MUMBAI: Dev Information Technology Limited, a global IT services company providing Cloud Services, Digital Transformation, Enterprise Applications, and Managed IT Services, with products like Talligence and ByteSigner, has announced its Unaudited Financial Results for the Q3 FY25.

Commenting on the performance, Mr. Pranav Pandya Founder & Chairman, said, "We are pleased with our Q3 FY25 performance, which reflects steady growth, supported by our ongoing expansion and client acquisitions. Our cybersecurity services, key contract wins, and the acquisition of Dhyey Consulting Services have contributed to our progress, enhancing our capabilities in IT solutions.

Securing enterprise contracts from U.S.-based clients and being recognized with the Best MSP Award in the "IT as a Service" category highlight our growing expertise in the industry. Dev Accelerator Limited's (DevX) IPO filing is an important step toward expanding our managed office space business, further broadening our service portfolio.

NFSCL exits investment in Mumbai

MUMBAI: Nisus Finance Services Co Limited (NFSCL), a prominent investment management firm, specializing in urban infrastructure and structured finance, has successfully exited its investment in a self-redevelopment housing project in Mumbai, delivering an impressive Internal Rate of Return (IRR) of approximately 21%. Nisus Finance had strategically invested ₹ 22 Cr in one of Mumbai's self-redevelopment projects located in Pestom Sagar, Ghatkopar. Trilogy Developers acted as the Development Manager for the project.

At the end of 2022, Nisus Finance made the first-ever institutional investment in a self-redevelopment project undertaken by a housing society. The project, Vishwasangam, is an affordable self-redevelopment initiative by two neighboring societies in the Pestom Sagar area of Ghatkopar.

In 2022, Trilogy Developers' project became the first society self-redevelopment initiative that Nisus Finance invested in, with Trilogy serving as the Development Management (DM) partner.