

Indian Premier League

KKR beat DC

**NEW DELHI:** Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) pulled off a 14-run win over Delhi Capitals (DC) in a high-octane IPL 2025 encounter at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Tuesday. Chasing a daunting 205-run target, DC ended their innings at 190 for 9, with veteran Faf du Plessis top-scoring with 62 runs. KKR's win was powered by solid batting contributions, spirited bowling, and a dramatic final over by Mitchell Starc.

After being asked to bat first by DC skipper Rishabh Pant, KKR got off to a rollicking start. Openers Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Sunil Narine came out all guns blazing. Gurbaz smashed 26 off just 12 deliveries, including five boundaries and a six, while Narine matched the aggression with 27 off 16. The duo brought up the fastest team fifty of the season—reaching the mark in just 3.4 overs—setting the tone for a big total.

However, the momentum was interrupted when Mitchell Starc dismissed Gurbaz with a searing yorker, inducing a sharp edge to wicketkeeper Abishek Porel. Narine soon departed, falling

to left-arm spinner Axar Patel. Ajinkya Rahane (26 off 14) also perished as KKR slumped from 85/1 to 91/3, with Vipraj Nigam picking up key wickets.

KKR's innings regained composure through a steady partnership between youngster Angkrish Raghuvanshi and the dependable Rinku Singh. Raghuvanshi compiled a mature 44 from 32 deliveries, hitting three fours and two sixes, while Rinku added 36 off 25. The pair rotated the strike well and added crucial runs in the middle overs. But both were dismissed in quick succession, with Rinku's wicket falling to an outstanding catch by Starc at long-on.

In response, Delhi Capitals struggled to maintain momentum in the steep chase. Faf du Plessis played a lone hand at the top, scoring a gritty 62 runs, but regular wickets kept pegging DC back.

**Brief Scores: KKR 204/9** (Angkrish Raghuvanshi 44, Rinku Singh 36; Mitchell Starc 3/43) beat **DC 190/9** (Faf du Plessis 62, Axar Patel 43; Sunil Narine 3/29 ) by 14 runs

CSK to face PBKS today

**CHENNAI:** Having lost seven of the last nine matches, five time champions Chennai Super kings (CSK) seeks redemption and a face saving win when it clashes with Punjab Kings (PBKS) today (Wednesday).

Both the teams comes into this contest in contrasting styles with the visitors having lost and a no result in its last two contests, while CSK helmed back by iconic M S Dhoni still struggling to find its winning magic touch having being drubbed SRH at the same venue a few days back.

Though the play offs chances appeared to be a long distant dream with successive losses, with the visting teams breaching the Yellow brigade bastion, there still seems to be faint a chance for CSK to entertain any hopes of making it to the qualifying stages, despite languish-

ing at the bottom of the table, while PBKS with 11 points in nine matches will seek to get back to its winning ways to enhance its chances for a knock out berth.

The wash out of PBKS last match has given little hope for CSK in its fortune revival as it needs to win all the remaining matches with massive margins and also hope that the top teams in the table lose their remaining contests triggering an equation for the play offs spot.

For that, CSK, which had tried several combinations right from the top order and shuffled its battling line up, need to get its balance right, while PBKS rides high on confidence having being placed ahead of its rivals in the table that would give enough cushion for it.

The pitch, which had so far favoured the seamers unlike assisting the

traditional spinners, might hold the key CSK for its fortunes to turn.

If the 22-yard strip behaves true to its tradition, Dhoni could bring in offie Ashwin to strengthen the spin attack to share with all rounder Ravindra Jadeja, while not tinkering with the pacers led by Khaleel Ahmed and Mukesh Choudhry with Anshul Kamboj providing the support with slinger Matheesha Pathirana.

On the batting front, CSK will persist with teenager Mhatre, who shone briefly but brightly in his earlier encounter with SRH, which it easily won, while Dewald Brevis after his debut, looking solid in the middle.

Return of Devon Conway could not be ruled out to pair with Shaik Rasheed/or bringing back Rachin Ravindra at the top.

Youth Table Tennis C'ships

Indian paddlers bag 13 gold medals

**KOLKATA:** India concluded the 2025 South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships in Kathmandu, Nepal, with an impressive haul of 13 gold and three silver medals, Table Tennis Federation of India (TFFI).

The qualification event for this year's Youth Asian Championships saw the Indian contingent dominate the competition across various categories on Sunday.

The Indian teams grabbed three gold medals in the Under-19 Girls, Under-15 Boys, and Under-15 Girls sections and made a clean sweep of all six golds in the U-19 and U-15 doubles, including the mixed doubles events. Additionally, India secured four singles golds in the U-19 Boys and Girls categories.

However, the hosts Nepal claimed the fourth gold in the U-19 Boys category. Despite a lone loss to Pakistan in the five-team league phase, Nepal finished on top with seven points, securing three wins and edging out Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, who took second and

third place, respectively.

India, having qualified for the Youth Asian Youth Championships last year, did not have to field its squad in the competition.

In the team events, Pritha Vartikar, Ananya Chande, Hardee Patel, and Diya Brambhachary clinched the U-19 Girls' gold, defeating Nepal 3-1. Prateeti Paul, Aarushi Nandi, Advika Arawal, and Tanmayee Saha triumphed in the U-15 Girls' category, thrashing Sri Lanka 3-0.

In the U-15 Boys' event, Atharva Nawrnge, Vishruth Ramakrishnan, Akash Rajavelu, and Prateek Tulsani dominated the competition, winning all their league-phase matches to top the group and remain undefeated for the gold. In the U-19 Boys' singles final, Kushal Chopda triumphed over fellow Indian R. Balamurugan 3-1 to claim the gold, as the Indians secured the top two spots. In the U-19 Girls' singles, Ananya Chande defeated Pritha Vartikar 3-1 to take the gold, leaving Pritha with the silver.

HI congratulates PR Sreejesh

**NEWDELHI:** Hockey India (HI) has extended its warmest congratulations to PR Sreejesh, former Indian men's hockey team goalkeeper and the current coach of the Indian junior men's team, for being honoured with the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award.

This remarkable recognition places Sreejesh alongside the legendary Major Dhyan Chand, making him only the second hockey player in history to receive the Padma Bhushan. Dhyan Chand was bestowed with this honour in 1956, and nearly seven decades later, Sreejesh's contribution to Indian hockey earns him a place among the greats.

Celebrated as the "God of Modern Indian Hockey," Sreejesh enjoyed a glittering 18-year inter-

national career, earning 336 caps for India before bidding farewell to professional hockey after the Paris 2024 Olympics. True to form, he delivered a series of stunning performances to help India clinch a bronze medal, following up on the historic bronze win at Tokyo 2020.

Throughout his distinguished career, Sreejesh collected numerous accolades, including the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year Award three times (2021, 2022, and 2024), the Arjuna Award in 2015, the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2021, and the World Games Athlete of the Year in 2021. Since making his senior international debut in 2010, he became a backbone of the Indian defense, known for his composure and brilliance under pressure.

Snooker World C'ship

Ding out

**LONDON:** Chinese ace Ding Junhui was knocked out of the Snooker World Championship 13-4 by Luca Brecel while his younger compatriot Si Jiahui reached the quarterfinals for a second time.

Ding, 38, was one frame away from elimination before Monday's final session as he trailed behind the 2023 world champion Brecel 12-4.

The Belgian then needed just 15 minutes and a break of 71 to claim the victory on Monday, setting up a quarterfinal clash with world No.1 Judd Trump.

With 15 ranking titles in his pocket, Ding hasn't been able to win the trophy of the World Championship. This year, he saw off debutant Zak Surety of Germany 10-7 to reach the second round of this prestigious event for the first time in five years.

Meanwhile, the 22-year-old Si went further at the Crucible Theatre after defeating Britain's Ben Woollaston 13-10. The world No. 13 Si will fight for a semifinal berth against Ronnie O'Sullivan after the seven-time world champion of Britain outplayed China's Pang Junxu 13-4.

Liverpool announce victory parade

**LONDON:** Premier League champions Liverpool will parade through the city on an open-top bus, it has been announced.

The Reds won 5-1 against Tottenham at Anfield on Sunday to secure their second Premier League title, a record-equalling 20th top-flight trophy.

The bus will set off from Allerton Maze at 14:30 BST on May 26 before travelling along a nine-mile (15km) route including Queens Drive and The Strand before finishing on Blundell Street.

Hundreds of thousands of fans are expected to line the route to celebrate with Arne Slot and his title-winning squad. The parade, which is being organised by Liverpool City Council, is expected to last between three and five hours, the BBC reported. Council leader Liam Robinson said: "We're delighted to officially invite Liverpool Football Club to parade around the city on 26 May.

"A Liverpool victory parade is

more than football - it's a celebration of our city's pride, passion and community spirit."

Robinson said it was going to be a "bumper weekend in Liverpool", adding that a huge amount of work had already been done behind the scenes in preparation.

Thousands of music fans will also be heading to Sefton Park for BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend from Friday 23 to Sunday 25 May inclusive. Liverpool will end their Premier League campaign on May 25 when Crystal Palace visit Anfield. Rivals Everton play away on the final day of the season, a week after bidding an emotional farewell to their Goodison Park home. Chief Insp Chris Barnes said: "We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Liverpool Football Club on their success.

"The parade will be a fantastic event for the players, the club, the city, and all the fans who will turn out to cheer their team on through the streets of Liverpool."

Slot thanks Klopp

**LONDON:** Liverpool manager Arne Slot paid tribute to his predecessor Jurgen Klopp moments after his side won the Premier League title.

The Reds defeated Tottenham Hotspur 5-1 at Anfield on Sunday to clinch a record-equalling 20th top-flight title, with Slot becoming the first Dutch coach to win the Premier League.

"It feels great. I don't think I want to say a lot. The only thing now is to send my appreciation to Jurgen Klopp," Slot, who replaced Klopp as Liverpool manager last summer, told LFCTV.

The 46-year-old immediately launched into a rendition of the song Klopp asked Liverpool fans to sing after his final game last May, but replaced the lyrics 'Arne Slot' with 'Jurgen Klopp'.

"I am 99.9% sure that if I pick up my phone there

will be a message from Jurgen," he told.

"So many moments in the season the two of us have had contact. I think he showed last season what a wonderful human being he is by introducing me.

"But what mattered most is the team he left behind that was able to win the trophy."

Slot, speaking to Sky Sports, added: "The work Jurgen and Pep [Lijnders] did - the culture, work-rate, quality - was outstanding." Few expected Slot to oversee a successful title charge in his first season at Anfield, not least the man himself.

"We started really well and maybe it helped that Manchester City had a difficult spell that they have not had in five years," he said.

Sensex up

**MUMBAI:** The BSE Sensex on Tuesday added another small gains of 70 points to close at 80,288.38 on positive Asian Market.

While, the National Stock Exchange (NSE) rose marginally 7.45 points at 24,335.95.

High volatility was witnessed during the day, as the BSE Sensex opened at 80,396 points, rising 178 points.

During the day it was touched at 80,661.31, day's high, advancing 443 points.

In late trade it erased earlier gains, and settled at 80,288.38, up 70 points only from its previous close.

The Nifty registered days high at 24,457.65 and low at 24,290.75



points. Stocks that supported the market were IT by 1.13 pc, Capital Goods by 0.94 pc and Technology by 0.76 pc.

The Mid cap moved up by 0.23 pc and Small cap by 0.09 pc.

The gainers were Reliance Industries by 2.32

pc to Rs 1400.30, Tech Mahindra by 2.14 pc to Rs 1493, Eternal by 1.72 pc to Rs 231.15 and IndusInd Bank by 1.40 pc to Rs 842.10.

The losers were Ultracemco by 2.39 pc to Rs 11,818.65, Sun Pharma by 2.01 pc to Rs 1804.80, Powergrid by 1.44 pc to Rs 304.20 and NTPC by 1.22 pc to Rs 356.80.

A mixed trend was seen in US market and European market.

While, positive trend was seen in Asian Market.

Hang Seng was up 0.16 pc, Taiwan Weighted by 0.98 pc and Kospi by 0.65 pc.

LANXESS increases earnings

**MUMBAI:** In fiscal year 2024, LANXESS significantly increased its earnings despite the difficult global economic situation: EBITDA pre exceptionals climbed by 19.9 percent to EUR 614 million, up from EUR 512 million in the previous year. The company thus confirms the preliminary figures published on January 20, 2025. In particular, higher capacity utilization and significantly lower costs as a result of the "FORWARD!" action plan contributed to the increase in earnings.

Although nearly all business units were able to in-

crease their sales volumes, Group sales decreased by 5.2% from EUR 6.714 billion in the previous year to EUR 6.366 bn. This was mainly due to lower sales prices resulting from reduced raw material and energy costs. The EBITDA margin pre exceptionals rose to 9.6% from 7.6% in the previous year. "We have defied the economic and geopolitical headwinds and significantly increased our earnings from our own resources. This shows that our measures are working," said Matthias Zachert, chairman, board of management, LANXESS AG.

Three Indian ventures win ASME ISHOW India

**HYDERABAD:** Three Indian ventures were selected to join the prestigious ASME ISHOW 2025 global cohort, which concluded at T-Hub recently.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) successfully concluded its flagship two-day social innovation accelerator, ISHOW India 2025.

The two-day event brought together some of the most promising hardware-led social entrepreneurs from across India, all working on scalable solutions to address critical challenges in ag-

riculture, energy, healthcare, and transportation. Seven shortlisted ventures — Caruna Mobility (Puducherry), DARTML (Kerala), FastSense Innovations (Pune), Kisan Rover (Rajasthan), Neenva Innovations (Kanpur), Newrup Tech Solutions (Bhubaneswar), and RE4BILLION.AI (Chennai) — participated in the intense accelerator program.

They received technical feedback and mentorship from leading global experts in engineering design and impact entrepreneurship. The event culminated in a high-en-

ergy product showcase and an awards ceremony. The award winners were -- Chuliv (Newrup Tech Solutions Private Limited); Sep-Scan (FastSense Innovations) and Solar-Powered Agricultural Robotic Bull (Kisan Rover).

The awardees will receive a share of 30,000 dollars in grant funding, alongside design and engineering support and access to ASME's global innovation network. These resources will help them scale their prototypes into market-ready solutions capable of delivering long-term social and environmental impact.

Patanjali University signs MoU with VMSBUTU

**HARIDWAR:** An important Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Patanjali University, Haridwar and Veer Madho Singh Bhandari Uttarakhand Technical University (VMSBUTU), Dehradun to promote academic and research cooperation. On this occasion, Patanjali University Vice Chancellor Acharya Balkrishna and Uttarakhand Technical University Vice Chancellor Prof. Omkar Singh signed the agreement and expressed confidence that this partnership will play an important role in preparing students for global competition.

Under this agreement, joint training, research and development will be promoted in various fields including agriculture through integration of yoga sci-

ence, Ayurveda, naturopathy, allied and applied sciences and engineering and technology. In particular, training programs for farmers will also be conducted in the college campuses affiliated to Uttarakhand Technical University with the aim of reaching the farmers with the research work done by Patanjali University in the agricultural sector.

Under this agreement, emphasis will be laid on cooperation in academic, research and development activities, organizing skill development and vocational training programs and promoting technological innovation and entrepreneurship. Apart from this, efforts will also be made to increase employment opportunities for the youth of socially and economically deprived communities.

Spirit of Goa Festival from May 2

**PANJIM:** The Department of Tourism convened a press conference with the Director Tourism Shri Kedar Naik, General Manager, Marketing GTDC Shri Gavin Dias, Deputy General, Marketing and PRO Shri Deepak Narvekar, and Assistant Director, Department of Tourism Shri Jayesh Kankonkar for the Spirit of Goa Festival, which will be held from 2nd to 4th May 2025 at the scenic SAG Grounds, Colva.

Director Tourism, Shri Kedar Naik stated "The Spirit of Goa Festival is more than just a celebration — it is a tribute to Goa's legacy of craftsmanship, innovation, and community spirit.

By blending tradition with creativity, the festival presents a vibrant showcase of our rich heritage to the world. We are committed to strengthening

such platforms that empower local artisans, distillers, and culinary talent, while also offering visitors an authentic taste of Goa's evolving story."

The three-day event will showcase 40 stalls and a wide spectrum of locally distilled beverages — from the traditional and GI-tagged Cashew Feni, to innovative Feni infusions, premium gins, craft beers, and exotic spirits crafted from both imported and indigenous raw materials.

Distillers will also present exciting new ventures in wines and agave-based spirits, highlighting the dynamic future of Goa's beverage industry.

The festival will offer a rich culinary journey. Moving beyond coconut and cashew-based dishes, the food curation will embrace ingredients such as banana flower, kokum, raw

jackfruit, Bimla (bimbli), and mango, bringing together authentic Saraswat, Konkani, and Christian cuisines, alongside contemporary Goan fusion creations. Innovative cocktail pairings will further enhance the gastronomic experience.

Festivalgoers can engage in a host of immersive activities, including masterclasses on traditional food preparation and mixology, a curated Feni Experience Centre featuring Goa's top distillers, live demonstrations of Goan arts and crafts, vibrant photobooth with props and the lively cashew stomping sessions which will delight participants of all ages.

The entertainment setup will feature a world-class audio system by Coda (Germany), showcasing Goa's local talent on a globally benchmarked stage.

HMD announces plans to launch D2M phones

**MUMBAI:** HMD in collaboration with Free Stream Technologies (incubated at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur) and other D2M partners announces launch plans underway to meet mass consumer demand for Direct-to-Mobile (D2M) phones ahead of large-scale field trials in India. The announcement will be made at the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 held at Jio World Centre, Mumbai.

Direct-to-Mobile is a breakthrough Next-Generation Broadcasting technology that delivers OTT & live TV, video, audio,

and text messages directly to mobile phones without requiring Wi-Fi or internet service. This aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for Viksit Bharat (economic transformation of India) and supports the 'Make in India' and 'Design in India' initiatives.

Giving a boost to the 'Make in India' and 'Design in India' efforts, low cost feature phones, smartphones and tablets are powered by Tejas Networks. This technology has undergone extensive testing in live networks by Prasar Bharati in collaboration with IIT Kanpur and Tejas Networks for several years.