

Jaiswal's ton powers India to series win

VISAKHAPATNAM: India wrapped up a dominant 9-wicket victory over South Africa in the 3rd ODI at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, completing a thrilling 2-1 series win here on Saturday.

The win was powered by a masterclass from Yashasvi Jaiswal, solid support from Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, and devastating bowling bursts from Kuldeep Yadav and Prasidh Krishna. Chasing a challenging 271, India's innings was anchored by Jaiswal, who played a top-class 116 not out off 121 balls.

The young opener displayed a perfect blend of aggression and composure, carving, cutting, and lofting with precision. He reached his maiden ODI century, becoming the sixth Indian to

score hundreds in all three formats.

Rohit provided steady support, scoring a vital 75 off 73 balls before falling to Keshav Maharaj, while Virat Kohli remained unbeaten on 65 off 45 balls, hitting a flurry of six boundaries and three sixes to seal the match and the series.

India bowlers had set the stage for the chase with incisive spells. Prasidh struck early, dismissing South Africa captain Quinton de Kock for 106, and wrapped up the innings with four wickets, including the clean-bowled of Otneil Baartman.

Kuldeep spun a web in the middle overs, claiming four key wickets, including Dewald Brevis, Marco Jansen, and Corbin Bosch. Their combined pressure



prevented South Africa from building partnerships, keeping the total within India's reach.

South Africa had earlier posted 270 all out in 47.5 overs, with de Kock's 106 being the only substantial innings.

Temba Bavuma scored 48, while other batsmen struggled against disciplined India bowling. India's pacers and spinners shared the workload smartly, with Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana, and Ravindra Jadeja providing support and maintaining consistent pressure.

India's victory was a perfect combination of youth and experience – Jaiswal's fear-

less strokeplay, Rohit's measured aggression, Kohli's finishing prowess, and the incisive bowling bursts of Kuldeep and Prasidh highlighted India's dominance in all departments.

The emphatic win not only sealed the series but also showcased India's depth, resilience, and versatility across batting and bowling.

With this win, India not only won the series 2-1 but also sent a clear message about their depth in batting, strategic bowling, and the emergence of young stars like Jaiswal making decisive impacts on big occasions.

Brief scores: India 271/1 (Jaiswal 116*, Rohit 75, Maharaj 1-44) beat South Africa 270 (de Kock 106, Kuldeep 4-41) by nine wickets

Ashes: 2nd Test

Aus take control as Eng stagger at 134/6 by stumps

BRISBANE: Mitchell Starc produced a commanding allround performance at the Gabba on Saturday, smashing a crucial 77 and then striking twice with the ball to put Australia firmly on top on Day 3 of the pink-ball Ashes Test.

Starc's efforts powered Australia to a strong first-innings total of 511 before England staggered to 134 for 6 by stumps.

Starc walked in with Australia at a shaky stage, the lower order exposed early in the morning. But the left-hander delivered one of his finest Test innings, blending composure

with clean hitting to swing the game heavily in Australia's favour. He took charge after Alex Carey's dismissal, farming the strike intelligently and keeping England's frustrated attack at bay.

His fifty came off 100 balls, built on authoritative square drives, lofted strokes over mid-off, and powerful punches through cover.

Starc repeatedly punished anything full, striking a flurry of boundaries off Gus Atkinson, Brydon Carse and Ben Stokes as England wilted under the pressure. His partnerships

of 33 with Carey and another 75 with Scott Boland proved decisive, stretching Australia's lead deep into match-winning territory.

Starc's superb 77 off 141 balls, studded with 13 fours, ended only when he miscued a drive off Carse to mid-off, but by then the damage had been done.

Australia's total of 511 handed them a commanding 177-run advantage.

Brief Scores: England 334 & 134/6 (Crawley 44, Nesar 2-27, Boland 2-33, Starc 2-48) trail Australia 511 (Starc 77, Weatherald 72, Labuschagne 65, Carse 4-152) by 43 runs

Telangana sets sights on Olympics 2036

HYDERABAD: Telangana government has announced a bold sporting vision, ensuring the state fields athletes in every discipline India competes in at the 2036 Olympic Games.

The declaration was made by Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, during the Sports Tech Podium 2025, a landmark event held at T-Hub on Saturday.

"Our Olympic mission was clear from the moment we drafted the Telangana Sports Policy. We want Telangana athletes present in every sport India participates in at the 2036 Olympics," Ranjan said, speaking as Chief Guest at a panel discussion titled 'Grassroots to Global: India's Sports Tech Rise'.

The first-of-its-kind Sports Tech Podium brought

together India's rapidly expanding sports innovation ecosystem—startups, investors, tech leaders, federations, corporates, athletes, and policymakers, positioning Hyderabad as a rising hub for sports technology and innovation. The conference was supported by the Government of Telangana, the Sports Authority of Telangana, venture funds, angel networks, universities and national innovation bodies.

Ranjan highlighted that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's strong interest in sports has translated into unprecedented support for the state's sports ecosystem. He noted that Telangana is also working toward setting up a dedicated Sports University as part of its long-term development roadmap.

Eric Garcia signs new contract

MADRID: FC Barcelona on Friday announced that defender Eric Garcia has signed a new contract that will keep him at the club until the end of June 2031.

The new contract highlights the dedication of the player, who returned to the club from Manchester City in the summer of 2021 and has had to work very hard to earn his place in the starting XI.

Garcia made 50 league appearances in his first two seasons at the club, falling out of favor with former coach Xavi Hernandez and being loaned to Girona for the 2023-2024 campaign, where he became a first-team regular as Girona finished third in La Liga and qualified for the Champions League.

Hansi Flick's arrival at Barcelona in 2024 gave a new impulse to Garcia's Barcelona career, with his ability to cover at right back or in central defense also important, and Flick recognized Garcia's efforts in his Friday press conference.

"He's fantastic," said the coach. "He knows this club very well and he deserves a new contract. He's very important in the dressing room and could be a captain in the future; he gives everything for this club."

Aguirre says Mexico must earn World Cup progress

WASHINGTON: Mexico manager Javier Aguirre said Friday his team's status as a 2026 World Cup co-host would not make it any easier to reach the tournament's knockout stages.

Mexico will face South Africa in the curtain raiser at Azteca Stadium on June 11 in a repeat of the 2010 World Cup opener in Johannesburg.

Friday's World Cup draw in Washington also pitted Aguirre's team in the same group with South Korea and a yet-to-be-determined European qualifier.

"It's a curious anecdote to repeat the Johannesburg opener," Aguirre, who was also Mexico's manager in 2010, told reporters after the draw.

"Facing South Africa at the Azteca, then South Korea in Guadalajara, plus the playoff opponent; I think it's good for having a solid first phase, but we have to work twice as hard to have a great

World Cup because there are no small rivals."

Former defender Rafael Marquez, who scored a late equalizer against South Africa at Soccer City almost 16 years ago, is now one of Aguirre's assistant coaches.

"It's a wonderful story," said the 67-year-old, who began his third spell as Mexico's head coach last year. "Rafa Marquez scored the equalizer and today he's by my side. Back then we played on our turf; now we'll play on ours. I hope it's a good opening match, I'm very excited about it."

Aguirre did not show a preference for the European qualifier vying for the final spot in Group A.

"It's hard to choose. You can't take anything for granted," he said. "Denmark, North Macedonia, the Czech Republic and Ireland are countries that play very different styles, but as hosts we can compete with anyone."

National Bridge C'ship

Usha & Manna win Phoenix Mixed Pairs title

KOLKATA: Usha Kabra and Gopinath Manna produced fine form to win the Phoenix Mixed Pairs title with 82.78 International Match Points (IMPs) at the ongoing Ashok Ruia Memorial Winter National Bridge Championship being held at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in New Town on Friday.

The event saw Deepa Jacob & Prosenjit Manna taking runners up, collecting 64.34 IMPs, out of total 55 pairs vying for the top honours.

Others among the top ten finishers after the final round are: Aditi Javeri & Biswajit Poddar, Ramani Menon & Jenish Shah, Monica Jajoo & Sumit Mukherjee, Sohama Sarkar & Kalpana

Gurjar, Kamna Sharma & Abhijit Pal, Kiran Nadar & Buchiraju Satyanarayana, Keyzad Anklesaria & Vidhya Patel, Madhur (Daisy Singh) & Badal Das.

Meanwhile, the Open Team Event for Ashok Ruia Memorial Gold Cup, known as the most prestigious team event competition in the country along with the Silver Cup category for the lesser ranked players began.

Out of the twenty eight top teams staking their claim for the title Team Mohota represented by Anurag Mohota, Basant Mohota, Biswajit Poddar, and Sambhunath Ghosh is leading the field with 56.65 Victory Points (VPs) at the end of the third round.

Patanjali Yogpeeth signs MoU with Russian govt

NEW DELHI: A significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in Delhi between the Patanjali Group and the Government of Russia. The MoU was signed on behalf of the Patanjali Group by Swami Ramdev ji, and on behalf of the Government of Moscow (Russia) by Sergey Cherebin, Chairman of the Indo-Russia Business Council and Minister of Commerce of Russia.

Addressing the programme, Swami Ramdev ji said that this MoU focuses on the promotion of health and wellness, health tourism, exchange of skilled human resources, and research-related initiatives. He stated that people in Russia appreciate and actively practice yoga, Ayurved, and naturopathy. He further said, "Our foremost goal is to take this wellness science of the sages to nearly 200 countries across the world, with Russia serving as the entry point."

The first major objective of this

MoU is to expand Patanjali's wellness services in Russia. Together with Rus-



sia, in-depth research will be conducted on reversing ageing and enhancing longevity, enabling the early detection of serious illnesses years before they manifest in the human body. The second objective is to share India's spiritual knowledge, culture, yoga, Ayurved, and invaluable heritage with

Russia. For this purpose, India's cultural and sage traditions will be taken to Russia.

The third objective of the MoU is to provide Russia with skilled labour and trained yogis from India. Under the Prime Minister's Skill Development Scheme, Patanjali has been the only private partner to have trained more than two lakh people. Patanjali will supply skilled yogis and trained workers to Russia. Additionally, under this MoU, leading Indian brands will be promoted in Russia and Russian brands in India. The world-class Patanjali brand will be taken to Russia, enabling Russian citizens to benefit from Patanjali's high-quality products.

On this occasion, Sergey Cherebin said that they will strengthen their partnership with Patanjali. He said that by adopting Patanjali's yoga, Ayurved, and naturopathy, they aim to transform the lifestyle of the people of Russia and make them healthier and disease-free.

Park Medi World IPO to open on Dec 10

MUMBAI: Park Medi World Limited (the "Company") shall open its Bid / Offer in relation to its initial public offer of Equity Shares on Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

The total offer size of Equity Shares aggregating up to Rs 9,200 million (Rs 920 crore) comprises of fresh issue aggregating up to Rs 7,700 million (Rs 770 crore) and Offer for Sale aggregating up to Rs 1,500 million (Rs 150 crore) by Dr. Ajit Gupta (the "Promoter Selling Shareholder"). ("The Total Offer Size").

The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be Tuesday, December 9, 2025. The Bid/Offer will open on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, for subscription and will close on Friday, December 12, 2025.

The Price Band of the

Offer has been fixed at Rs 154 to Rs 162 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 92 Equity Shares and in multiples of 92 Equity Shares thereafter.

The Company proposes to utilise net proceeds from fresh issue of Equity Shares towards (i) repayment/prepayment, in full or in part, of outstanding borrowings availed by Company and its Subsidiaries; (ii) Funding capital expenditure for development of new hospital by Subsidiary, Park Medicity (NCR); (iii) Funding capital expenditure for purchase of medical equipment by our Company and our Subsidiaries, Blue Heavens and Ratangiri; and (iv) balance amount towards Unidentified inorganic acquisitions and general corporate purposes ("Object of Issue").

NephroPlus to launch IPO on Dec 10

MUMBAI: The IPO of Hyderabad based NephroPlus - Asia's largest dialysis services provider and fifth largest globally (in terms of number of treatments performed in Fiscal 2025), will open for subscription on Wednesday, December 10, and close on Friday, December 12.

The Price Band has been fixed from Rs 438 per Equity Share to Rs 460 per Equity Share.

There is a discount of Rs 41 per Equity Share being offered to Eligible Employees. The IPO is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs. 353.4 crore and an offer for sale of up to 1,12,53,102 equity shares by the selling shareholders.

NephroPlus, whose 165-bedded dialysis clinic in Tashkent, Uzbekistan is the largest dialysis clinic globally, proposes to utilize Rs. 129.1 crore from the Net Proceeds of the Fresh Issue towards capital expenditure for opening new dialysis clinics in India and Rs 136 crore for pre-payment or scheduled repayment of certain borrowings. NephroPlus, incorporated in 2009, is the largest organized dialysis service network in India with pan-India network of clinics across 288 cities across 21 States and 4 Union Territories. It has a global network of 519 clinics, including 51 clinics across the Philippines, Uzbekistan and Nepal.

Utkarsh SFBL partners with Axis Securities

MUMBAI: Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited (Utkarsh SFBL) announced a strategic partnership with Axis Securities to provide end-to-end trading and investment services for its customers. This collaboration marks a significant step in expanding the Bank's capabilities to deliver next-generation financial solutions.

This partnership introduces a unique 3-in-1 account, seamlessly integrating a Savings Account with Utkarsh Small Finance Bank and a Demat and Trading Account with Axis Securities. This offering is designed to provide customers with a convenient and comprehensive platform for banking and investing.

Aligned with Utkarsh Small Finance Bank's strategy to offer a full spectrum of financial services—including savings and current accounts, deposits, loans, insurance, and investment products—the partnership with Axis Securities will enable customers to seamlessly integrate banking and investing through multiple channels such as branches, Internet Banking, Mobile Banking, and assisted services.

With Axis Securities' expertise, customers can now access advanced trading platforms, flexible brokerage plans, and in-depth research insights—all designed to simplify investing and help them achieve their financial goals.

*NEW DELHI: India's economic mood turned visibly brighter on Friday after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25 per cent, signalling the beginning of a softer interest-rate phase after months of tight financial conditions.

